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PERKINS PASTES THEM

CONTROVERSIAL, hyped-up Charlie Perkins arrived on the big-time Soccer scene by gaining an Australian Soccer Federation jersey at Friday's annual meeting.

BY KEITH GILMOUR



CHARLIE PERKINS — one line for ASF job.

The ACT Federation president, one-time Pan Hellenic star and leading Australia Indoor Soccer Federation official, became a vice-president of the ASF along with NSW president John Constantine.

Victoria's Michael Weinstein stood aside and became an honorary vice-president. Ian Brusasco of

Queensland was eliminated in the ballot. An old soldier who oozes with political and football experience, he is used to the hurly burly of elected life.

Despite Constantine being appointed the senior of the vice-presidents, it was generally considered to be Perkins' win that is pregnant with possibilities.

For example, it is no longer a long shot that an aboriginal could be president of the ASF in the Bicentennial Year, when white settlement of Australia is commemorated!

The job will have to be filled when long serving Sir Arthur George stands down next March.

Jack Reilly, the new Victorian chairman, commented: "Having only been in office for four months, it was inappropriate for me to stand for a vice-presidency at this stage."

"We are carrying out a management survey of Victorian Soccer and this is a very high priority with me."

Aggressive Approach

Perkins is known for his vigor in any problem that he tackles.

He said: "My aim is to increase the image of the sport. We will have our share of media cover."

"I don't know whether I will press ahead for the ASF presidency, but sometimes you have to move ahead with your aspirations."

Perkins is the chairman of the organising committee for the World

Indoor Championships, to take place in Australia in 1988.

He turned out for leading amateur outfit Bishop Auckland in England in his playing days.

Until last season he was still playing in Canberra.

The first aboriginal to obtain a university degree, he has a top drawer position as secretary of the Commonwealth Dept of Aboriginal Affairs.

Freedom fighting is no stranger to our Charles.

ASF SURVEY ON MANAGEMENT

IN one of the most forward moves initiated by the Australian Soccer Federation, management consultants Coopers and Lybrand have been commissioned to examine the structure of the sport.

This is a course which has been advocated by AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY as essential to the future of Soccer.

It is doubly important to have a firm such as Coopers and Lybrand on the job as they have had considerable experience in the sporting arena.

At the ASF general meeting on Friday, former Victorian chairman and ASF vice president Michael Weinstein was awarded an honorary vice presidency.

The treasurer's post went to John Dimtsis, a Melbourne bank manager who has successfully handled the position previously.

Sydney City's sudden withdrawal from the West End NSL was classed as "absolutely reprehensible" by ASF executive director Brian Emery.

Transfer fees obtained from former Sydney City player will be held in trust until a determination is made over their disposal.

— KEITH GILMOUR

VICTORIAN READERS!

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NEXT WEEK'S ISSUE

AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY, Australia's premier Soccer paper, is increasing its outlets dramatically in Melbourne and also in Victorian country areas.

It will expand its panel of leading Melbourne Soccer journalists, and give an unmatched cover of the Victorian State League.

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Times and circumstances often call for adjustments but rest assured that our objective remains to continue to present you with a balanced and bright cover of all that is best in Australian Soccer.

— THE EDITOR

BERGERS IN TROUBLE OVER SCOTT FRASER

HEIDELBERG is a long way from being out the woods over Footscray's claim for points, following the former's 3-0 second round West End NSL win.

BY ROD BOWLES

Footscray protested to the NSL that the Bergers had one more visa player on their books than they were entitled to have.

What set fire to the whole affair was the arrival of former Glasgow Rangers man Scott Fraser from Green Gully for \$7000.

The claim is that Heidelberg had four visa players — one more than the regulations allow.

The others are:
• ANDY DEELEY, the New Zealand international. He required no visa, but he is treated as a visa player under ASF rules.
• LAWRIE MCKINNA
• PAUL LANGSBURY

Langsbury was released at some stage. He

had arrived in Australia on a tourist visa.

In addition there are allegations that Scott Fraser's documentation from Green Gully was incomplete. He was stood down on Sunday.

One viewpoint, that a visa player moving between clubs was not counted in the receiving club's quota, was described by a leading official as a "load of rubbish."

If that interpretation applied, then the floodgates would be opened up for unwanted imports of dubious quality.

The whole mess has landed on the doorstep of the Tribunal, with instructions to clean it up.

The Editor

WHEN this weekly newspaper was established in 1980 it set out with the objective of encompassing the theme set out in its name — AUSTRALIAN SOCCER.

Due to the tremendous amount of developmental work that ensued, it has gone on from strength to strength.

The occasional reverse has been taken in its stride, and then converted into solid progress.

Although it is a pity in a way that our main competitor this week is being laid to rest, AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY is there to represent the best news in this magnificent sport.

As in the past, we will do so with responsibility for the magnitude of our task, and for the various segments that make up such a widespread code.

It is not unusual for one main publication to dominate the field in Association football in any particular country.

Due to its outstanding cover SOCCER EXPRESS is the voice of the sport throughout the length of New Zealand.

FRANCE FOOTBALL has pre-eminence in that country and has world wide repute. Even in the huge UK football market there has been an exceptionally strong tendency for nationalisation of the available publications.

Whilst the aim of ASW remains to satisfy our present patrons, developing our relevance and cover from its present level we are faced with new challenges, particularly in the big Victorian Soccer market.

This inevitably will lead to some modifications to our content, even allowing that this year we had already begun providing two pages of Victorian news.

Our Victorian material will immediately become more tight, incisive and relevant. In each of our lives change constantly occurs, and the way we manage it can lead to success. It is no different with this publication.

The Victorian market required lower division results and tables, which are difficult to provide in NSW, and we are working hard to meet the vital needs of our consumers.

AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY is a member newspaper in a group which is in the middle range of Australian publishing houses.

We have an outstanding technological foundation, but the challenges currently being faced call for certain modifications and updating of our systems.

How quickly these can be achieved is the current question. Our computer department is working at maximum speed to identify and implement the solutions.

ASW has never been afraid to attack the sacred cows of the game. It must congratulate the sport on its successes, goad it to greater things, and occasionally criticise for its mistakes.

We will not renege from applying our principles to questions involved in any area of the game in the future.

At the same time we recognise the paramount position of the player, be it a case of the nation teams, national or state leagues and so on through the ranks.

As we thank our current readership and prepare to meet the needs of our new readers we look forward to catering as fully as humanly possible for your interest in the great Australian-wide, world-wide sports of ours.

AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY is there to satisfy your needs for hard news and general features on the broad spectrum of the game.

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PRESIDENT SAVES JOHN FREW IN 'NO MACEDONIANS' BLOW UP

WOLLONGONG Macedonia president Lube Stefanovski last week averted a dramatic plan by a faction within the club to sack coach John Frew.

After rumours had rocked Illawarra Soccer, the Macedonia committee met on Wednesday night and it was decided that Frew would stay on.

Before the meeting, Stefanovski said he wanted Frew to stay and if the committee sacked the coach he would walk out also.

"I know there have been rumours and there is a conflict within our club about the coaching situation," Stefanovski said.

"I am ecstatic about the way things are going with Frew and his backups Derek Henderson and Dale Jones."

Before the meeting the players had vowed to support Frew if he was sacked.

One player said it was no secret that factions

BY PHIL MURPHY

within the committee wanted to pick the team to have more Macedonian players in it.

"We felt this was wrong and met to talk the matter over," the player said.

"No committee should be able to put pressure on a coach when it comes to selecting a team."

The committee were reported to be upset that there were only three

Macedonian players in first grade for the early part of the season.

Goalkeeper Peter Terzovski, and midfielders Lupo Dalkovski and Alex Krkovski were the three players.

Macedonia picked up only two points from their first four games with

draws against Wollongong City and Sutherland.

There is also pressure on the Macedonia committee this season now new district club Portside is attracting Macedonian supporters to their matches.

A number of ex-Macedonia players are with Portside and they are expected to win the Illawarra second division.

The supporters meet again on Tuesday night over the coach but the 4-3 win over Inter Monaro has a happy ring to it.

THOMSON BOWS OUT

EDDIE THOMSON, coach of disbanded Sydney City, has decided to sit out for the entire season.

BY KEITH GILMOUR

Said Eddie: "I have had a approaches from two clubs, but I don't relish stepping in without preparing for the season and engaging my support staff."

"Maybe I will do my job as assistant national coach and enjoy some of

the time with my family that I have so often missed over the last seven years."

Thomson is due to be paid by his employer, the Hakoah Club Ltd, until the end of 1988 under his contract.

It will take some weeks to tidy up player transfers, especially as everything now has to be done

to the satisfaction of the ASF and NSL.

Players up for grabs include New Zealand international goalkeeper Clint Gosling.

Spoke up Clint: "This is the second club that has collapsed around me — first Newcastle KB and now Sydney City."

A fee of \$4000 for one of the best keepers in the country — he should be snapped up.

In fact two Sydney clubs could do with him immediately, and Melbourne Croatia has made enquiries.

A whole list of quality players are gradually being fixed. The likes of Brett Hughes, Murray Barnes, Ian Souness, Abbas Saad, Grant Lee, Robert Hooker and Ean Rodrigues should soon find homes, not to mention top defender Alex Robertson.

AROK PICKS SOUTHERN SOCCEROO SQUAD

FRANK AROK has named a Victorian-South Australian 14 man squad that must be considered high on talent.

Alan Davidson, who is fighting to regain fitness following an absence from the game, has won inclusion.

There are no surprises, with Alan Scott having played well enough to be a highly worthy inclusion following his strong bid to join Melbourne

Croatia from demoted Adelaide Hellas.

The players are: Alan Davidson, Robbie Dunn, Alan Scott (Melbourne Croatia), Jeff Olver, Theo Selemedis (Heidelberg), Garry McDowall, Paul Wade, Angle Postecoglou (South Melbourne), Andrew Zinni (Brunswick), Charlie Villani, Sergio Melia (Adelaide City), Oscar Crino, Ernie Tapal (Footscray), Phillip Trianades (Preston).



ALAN DAVIDSON

SPURS-COVENTRY FOR CUP FINAL

IT's a Tottenham Hotspur-Coventry City FA Cup final at Wembley on Saturday May 16 and Coventry are the underdogs.

Saturday's 4-1 Tottenham win over troubled Watford has firmly entrenched them as favourites — if they weren't already.

Leeds took Coventry to extra time before the latter won 3-2.

For Tottenham it will be a case of whether they are eight time lucky. All seven earlier Cup final appearances have brought a favourable result.

The darling of the crowds that throng Wembley is certain to be the little Argentinian veteran, Ossie Ardiles.

Having played in the semi-final, he should win selection again.

If the often unmatchable Glenn Hoddle is on his game the Spurs will have yet another big advantage.

Although Norwich is out of league contention, they humbled the mighty Liverpool, who slipped three points behind rampaging Everton.

The latter has a game in hand and seem destined to scoop the title.

Up in Scotland, St Mirren and Dundee United have booked their passage to Hampden Park for the Scottish Cup final also on May 16.

Frank McGarvey scored both St Mirren goals in the 2-1 win over Hearts, whilst Dundee United defeated neighbours Dundee 3-2.

HEAT IS ON!

ROBBIE WHEATLEY has no doubts that Marconi will be one of the trumps this season, simply because of the immense amount of depth the club boasts.

The international defender knows the competition for a place is hot. "Actually I hope they have stopped their purchasing for this year because spots in the first grade are hard enough to grab," he said with a laugh.

"This is a completely different side from 1986, the skill factor is so much higher, thanks largely to our coach Roberto Vieri obviously."

"We have most of the attributes, if not all, needed to be a real force in the NSL. The quantity, quality and discipline is all there — the basis of a winning squad. Competition for places is great, it keeps everyone on their toes and performing at their peak."

Wheatley, like most of the Marconi contingent, has been concerned at the sides' disappointing start to the NSL but is quick to point out that most clubs go through a slump.

"Everyone has a poor period and this is ours and it'll be over very smartly. We weren't as committed as we should have been early on and a prime example was when Brunswick smacked us in the first round."

Many observers have wondered whether Wheatley is better off playing at left-back or at sweeper, but the classy 24-year-old has no doubts.

"I prefer left-back. I certainly don't mind playing in the sweeper's position but at times it gets a bit much there. At fullback, if you do your job early on in marking the striker, there is plenty of chances to get forward, which I like."

"As against that, playing in the centre of defence gets hectic if the opposition is attacking at will. Everyone is coming straight at you," he explained.

A prime example of Wheatley doing the 'job' was in Marconi's 2-0 win over St George at Marconi Stadium recently when he marked Peter Petkovski out of the game. So much so that Petkovski had to be replaced, and got forward in the second half to lend a hand in attack.

However Robbie realises that it is these types of performances he must keep up if he is to hold a permanent spot in the Marconi side and further to that play for Australia on a regular basis.

He adds: "I'm glad we've got the depth on two accounts. It keeps up the teams effort and on my own side of things it forces me to play well when I see the likes of Joe Rizzotto and Lee Sterrey looking for a spot."

— FRANK COLETTA

TIME IS ON MARCONI'S SIDE

STAR Marconi striker **FRANK FARINA** is adamant that the Fairfield side is going places if only they are allowed some time to blend all their undoubted talent together.

Farina states frankly: "You know, most people see the acquisitions of the club and immediately claim it a superside that will sweep everything before it."

"This is not the case. Sure it is a talented bunch of players but just like any new squad starting off together, time is needed to get to know one another's style and get a combination going."

When queried on the fact that the Bossley Park club had gone through the majority of the pre-season like a house-on-fire and of late the form had dwindled to a sluggish style, Farina had this to say.

"It just happened that the team clicked early on, yet it

BY FRANK COLETTA

must be remembered the conditions and circumstances of those early matches. They were in essence just trials and preliminaries to the season. Other clubs weren't as prepared and we took them to task," he stated.

His confidence in Marconi lifting itself from their early season slump was not in doubt though, stating: "We'll recover from this and go on to big things."

On his own form he had to this to say: "I'm satisfied with the start I've had and I'm quite confident the goals will begin to flow for me. I was pretty happy when the club signed Tommy McCulloch."

"His arrival can only help my game. Over the years we have created a great understanding and it's marvelous to have him behind me in midfield," he said.



FRANK FARINA playing for Sydney City against his current club Marconi. Paul Carter doesn't seem to be too happy!

WHIZZ KID READY TO MAKE QUEENSLAND GARDEN GROW

THE Queensland Soccer Federation has employed a 26-year-old "Business Whizz-Kid" as its new fulltime marketing and promotions man.

Mark Gardener, who runs a successful television advertisement and media promotions company along with a thriving formal wear agency, began at Perry Park last week. Gardener was chosen after interviews following more than 40 applications for the position.

Gardener, a former Navy demolition diver, was introduced to the QSF clubs last week and admitted he had not kicked a Soccer ball since his schooldays. But he intends to use that to his advantage.

"I can offer fresh ideas and a new approach. It's

BY GREG RUSSELL

just a matter of those within the code realising that if they want to be a major force, they have to do things themselves," Gardener said.

Gardener, who has a management and marketing diploma, has big plans for Queensland Soccer, which include the harnessing of the code's many juniors, better utilisation and marketing of the multi-million dollar Perry Park complex and the development of a huge media awareness campaign that will thrust Soccer personalities into the public eye.

"Soccer in Queensland has the potential to be what ever it wants. But at the moment it looks as a Rolls Royce without a driver," Gardener said.

"It is an excellent vehicle for promotion and marketing that just needs someone to head it in the right direction. The marketing and promotion of Soccer is very much like the game itself. Those who make the fast moves and combine quick thinking with sound practices and a little bit of the unexpected are the one who will win."

Gardener, who quit the Navy because he found the uniformity restrictive, says he is aware that a huge cloud of discontent, disinterest and lethargy had de-



scended on Soccer and would be hard to blow away. But enthusiasm and optimism seem to bubble from a perpetual oasis within his body.

"I am expecting there will be barriers and some of the things I suggest may first not be accepted. But that is a matter of answering the doubters' questions and highlighting to them what they will gain. Once the heart and soul of the code is motivated, and that's the players and the clubs, then there is only one way to go."

"I can offer the aggressive approach to marketing that Soccer needs and I am sure once I can overcome the negative attitudes which seem to haunt the code, then everyone will realise we are all on a winner."

CROATIA CONTINUE IN GREAT FORM

MELBOURNE CROATIA followed up its surprise league win over Brunswick Juventus by putting four goals past Juve without reply in their Beach Fashions Cup game under lights at Olympic Park last Wednesday night.

BY GREG BLAKE

Under-strength Brunswick, fielding a team showing four changes from the one beaten the previous Sunday, had no answer to the sweet-moving Croatians.

Cup specialists Croatia simply overwhelmed Juventus after going ahead through a 32nd minute Jim Campbell goal.

Josip Biskic fired in a delightful cross from the right, Andy Humble connected with a shot which rocked the crossbar and Campbell followed up to put the ball away.

Five minutes after half time an attempted clearance from a Juventus defender deflected into the path of goal-shark Paul Lewis, who angled his shot past stand in Juventus' keeper John Kyrgios.

The brilliant Tony Lemerina set up Humble to make it 3-0 16 minutes from full time when he intercepted an attempted back-pass and put Humble away with a delightfully delivered through ball.

In the dying moments Melbourne Croatia rounded off a memorable night for its supporters when an Alan Scott corner was headed on by Robbie Dunn and big Dave McIntosh swooped to head home past Kyrgios for a convincing 4-0 win.

Brunswick Juventus officials, worried by successive defeats at the hands of Melbourne Croatia, expressed concern over the mounting injury and suspension toll in the camp.

In the second of last Wednesday night's double header games Preston continued to show its dramatic improvement in form by coming from behind to down Footscray 2-1.

Preston, still undefeated in the new campaign, went behind eight minutes before half time but showed a tremendous form reversal after half time to put Footscray out of the Beach Fashions Cup for 1987 with an extra time win.

The opening Footscray goal came after a Warren Spink shot was blocked off the line by Preston keeper Phil

Traianidis and Ossie Latif pounced to crack home the rebound.

Preston recovered well from the set-back and returned after interval with a full head of steam.

Preston's deserved equaliser came 20 minutes into the second half when Ian Dobson marked his return from suspension by heading home a Con Opasinis free kick.

Despite their overall dominance, Preston couldn't get a normal time winner and had to wait until five minutes extra time to confirm a berth in the next cup round.

The crucial goal came from back-to-form Steve Smith who sprinted on to a through ball and held off a challenge from Gary Van Egmond before rounding Blues' keeper Zoran Nikitovic and slamming the ball into the net.

The win, said Preston coach Bill Murray, was a tribute to the hard work put in by his team despite problems over summer.

RESULTS

MELBOURNE CROATIA 4 (Campbell, Lewis, Humble, McIntosh) beat BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS 0.
PRESTON 2 (Dobson, S. Smith) beat FOOTSCRAY 1 (Latt).
SUNSHINE G.C. 1 g 3 pen beat ADELAIDE CITY 1 g pen.

NSL TOP SCORERS

ROBBIE SLATER	Sydney Croatia	5
ROD BROWN	APIA	4
GRAHAM ARNOLD	Syd Croatia	3
CHARLIE VILLANI	Adelaide City	3
PAUL WADE	South Melbourne	3

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NORWAY'S THREE POINTERS POINT TO THE WAY AHEAD

THE Australian Soccer Weekly recently reported that Norway has introduced a new system which does away with drawn matches in its competition in an effort to halt declining attendances.

Their idea is to simply decide a match on a penalty shoot-out in the event of a draw, thus ensuring that a result is obtained.

This story grabbed my attention as it is precisely what I proposed in an article that appeared in ASW on the 10th June last year.

My suggestion was to award 3 points for a win in the normal 90 minutes, 2 points for winning on penalties, 1 point if a match is drawn but lost in the penalty shoot-out and no points at all for the losers in normal time.

Sure, this will be a radical change for the game, but with falling attendances a growing problem in most parts of the world maybe the time has come for some radical thinking to be introduced.

The argument that I used for this proposal nearly twelve months ago still stands today.

If a World Cup semi-final can be decided on penalties, why not a run of the mill competition match?

There can be little argument that the increased level of tactical efficiency has robbed the game of a certain amount of excitement.

This is a fact that has got to be faced, so what's wrong with introducing a new ingredient that may add drama and bring every match to a definite conclusion.

Football has always been reluctant to part with tradition but in the end it invariably must.

It will therefore be quite ironic if a Soccer minnow like Norway could show the giants the way towards the 21st century.

I for one will follow this Norwegian experiment with a great deal of interest.

— FRANK SCIACCA

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ALEX BUNDALO

HEIDELBERG JUST HOLD OFF APIA

AN all action clash at Heidelberg's Olympic Village saw the home side scrape in for a 2-2 draw against Rale Rasic's fighting APIA Leichhardt on Sunday.

Heidelberg, without Scott Fraser following ASF intrusion regarding his transfer, played with 10 men for most of the second half following the send off of Kiwi Andy Deeley after a nasty kick on APIA's Peter Tredinnick in the 54th minute.

The fact that APIA couldn't press home the numerical advantage disappointed their coach Rale Rasic, who felt his

BY JASON STEVENS

side should have done better than the eventual 2-2 draw.

Rasic felt his side deserved better after his side missed some late chances and said: "We were playing against 10 players and failed to take advantage of the situation."

As it was some spectacular work in goal

by Tony Pezzano probably earned his side their point.

It was Pezzano and Heidelberg's Peter Tsolakis, who were far and away the stars of this action-packed clash.

Pezzano's best save came after just 26 minutes when he parried a shot from the dynamo Tsolakis. The ball fell for Claude Lucchesi and his subsequent shot was tapped over the crossbar in spectacular style.

Rod Brown opened the scoring against the run of play three minutes from half-time when he was allowed an easy run into the box to score.

But right on the stroke of the interval it was Alan Hunter who grabbed the vital equaliser for the home team.

United took the lead 11 minutes after the break when Lawrie McKinna played a delightful ball to send Tsolakis away and the chunky little Berger winger chipped Pezzano to make it 2-1.

The catalyst in the APIA comeback was Gary Ward, who came on as a substitute and it was he who scored the subsequent equaliser when he ran onto a long ball from Arno Bertogna and looped his head or past Jeff Oliver.

HEIDELBERG: Oliver, Kanesoulis, Marley, Katsakalidis, Hunter, Anastasiadis, Deeley, Selamidis, Lucchesi, McKinna, Tsolakis. APIA: Pezzano, Yankos, Bertogna, M. Brown, Bundalo, Tredinnick, Zajmi, R. Brown, Butler, Phillips, Katholos (Ward 58). CROWD: 2589. Referee: D. Campbell.

MAXWELL SCORES WINNER AGAINST HIS OLD CLUB

A DEPLETED and bruised Adelaide City crashed 2-1 against visiting Marconi at Olympic Sports Field last Sunday.

And, to add humiliation to the defeat it was the Australian champions former Socceroo striker Steve Maxwell who scored the winning goal.

It came from his head in the 59th minute following a free-kick by Zlatko Nastevski on the right.

It was Nastevski who had levelled for Marconi after City's new Socceroo squad member Charlie Villani headed the first goal on the left in the 27th minute.

The pass had come via Socceroo Sergio Melta. Nastevski's goal had come from close in

following a pass from

By TOM MCKAIN

Frank Farina in the 41st minute.

He had bamboozled defenders Paul Shillabeer and Alex Tobin. Farina had weaved his way past both of them and slipped the ball to Nastevski.

City had to take the field without key forwards Joe Mullen and Paul Wilde, and to add to their woes they lost centreback Neville Flounders at half-time after he had clashed with Maxwell, whom he had been marking from

the kick-off.

Sweeper and City captain Bugsy Nyskohus suffered a knee injury in the first minute of the second half, but limped out of the game.

Villani finished the last five minutes as an ankle injury passenger. Only desperate defence kept Marconi at bay as home goalkeeper Willie McNally kept out shots from Farina and Tommy McCulloch.

In the first minute of the game City midfielder Aurelio Vidmar had missed an open goal when he met the ball with his head.

Marconi never let the champions get their possession game going and apart from McCulloch, Gomez starred as a marker on Villani while Paul

Carter cut out Lemmy Vatsilas, Mullen's replacement.

Gomez was booked by Victorian referee Sam Zoumas for a tackle on Villani and while that may have been justified the man in black was too hasty with his whistle and never let the game flow despite the fact that most of the fouls were minor.

He blew his whistle 41 times, penalising the home side on 19 occasions.

ADELAIDE CITY: McNally, Tobin, Shillabeer, Nyskohus, Flounders (Miller 48) (T. Mullen 82), Villani, Vidmar, Melta, Santoro, Vatsilas, Toland.

MARCONI: Catin, Carter, Wheatley, Gomez, Henderson, Mason, Lowe, Farina, Maxwell (Gunning 88), McCulloch, Nastevski (Sterry 76).

CROWD: 4250. Referee: S. Zoumas.

SAINTS HIT ROCK BOTTOM AS MELB CROATIA WIN

ST GEORGE BUDAPEST's tale of woes continued last Friday night when they went down to a tighter, faster and more experienced Melbourne Croatia 2-0 at the St George Stadium.

Last year's Grand-Finalists have now lost their first three League matches and that has sent them crashing to the bottom of the West End Soccer League.

Frank Arok, Saints' manager, rushed new signings from defunct Sydney City Steve O'Connor and Kevin Hagan into the team in an attempt to bolster the team, but to no avail.

Melbourne Croatia, brilliantly spear-headed by crack strikers, Ian Wallace and Paul Lewis ripped St George apart in the second half with only O'Connor in the St George defence proving an obstacle for the Victorians.

Early in the first session Saints' Mike Grbevski made two raids down the left and a brilliant diving header by midfielder Pedro Ricoy in the 30th minute proved the only stings St George had to inflict.

Melbourne Croatia's back four of George Hannah, Robbie Dunn, Davie McIntosh and Alan Davidson, never looked bothered and easily smothered any assaults that came their way.

The Victorians displayed their experience

By JOHN ECONOMOS

in midfield as the classy Jimmy Campbell and Jim McLean constantly punched quality balls through to find their marks in strikers Lewis and Wallace.

Melbourne Croatia applied the pressure in the second half as the Saints began to wilt, although O'Connor tried valiantly to inject some resistance into his players.

The Victorians broke the dead-lock in the 53rd minute when former Coventry City crusader, Wallace streaked away down the left with O'Connor red-hot on his heels.

Wallace veered in-field, slipped to Josip Biskic who nailed his 12 metre drive into the far corner.

St George were again split by Wallace three minutes later. Kulcar blundered in defence, allowing Wallace to crucify goalkeeper Gibson with his second League goal since arriving in Australia from England.

Striker Paul Lewis was not to be outdone and repeatedly crashed his way through, but failed to earn a goal with some loose finishing inside the box.

A jubilant Melbourne Croatia coach, Terry Hennessey, said later: "It was a great team

effort especially as it was our third match in five days. We have not conceded a goal in all three matches and we are rebuilding from last year."

A dejected St George coach, Frank Arok, stated:

"They were a much better team on the night and they were allowed far too much possession. I had hoped that our two new experienced signings would have prevented a collapse."

Stars for the Victorians were Lewis, Wallace, Dunn and McIntosh whilst for St George, only O'Connor showed any form of the required resilience in the face of the enemy.

ST GEORGE: Gibson, Green, O'Connor, O'Shea, Kulcar, Ricoy, Moffitt, Slavski (Potter 67th), Koczka (Fletcher 67th), Hagan, Grbevski.

MELBOURNE CROATIA: Runje, Hannah, Dunn, McIntosh, Davidson, Campbell, Biskic, McLean, Scott, Lewis, Wallace. Referee: J. Reeves. Crowd: 1,800.

NIGHTMARE FOR

SYDNEY CROATIA asserted their position at the top of the National League with an authoritative, but at times disappointing 3-1 win over a game Sunshine George Cross.

BY FRANK COLETTA

It was never going to be a bright day for Sunshine and worse still for their forceful central defender Steve Richardson, who was sent off by referee Gary Power two minutes into injury time.

Richardson, in fact, started the action rolling when after four minutes he was booked for dissent.

It was soon after that youth international Paul Trimboli and John Markovski gave a sneak preview of what was to follow with a classy combination that forced a save from Anthony Franken.

However, it was the Croatian forward line that drew first blood on the quarter hour when a completely unmarked Mark Jones met a Zarko Odzakovic corner kick with a firm header, leaving Scan Keogh grasping thin air.

It was 10 minutes later when the home side

made it 2-0 through the rampant Robbie Slater.

The flame-haired winger grabbed his fifth goal in three games when he side-footed a Graham Arnold lay-off into the far corner.

Being two down did not deter the George Cross boys. In fact it seemed to spur them into a match that, until the second half, they had never been in.

Trimboli, displaying the sort of form that earned him rave reviews during the youth qualifiers in New Zealand, took on Franken with a left-foot volley after flicking the ball into the air but the brilliant Croatia custodian was more than equal to the task with a high-flying save.

Sunshine kept up the pressure and reaped the rewards immediately after the resumption when

WENSL TABLE & RESULTS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Syd Croatia	3	3	-	-	13	3	6
South Melbourne	3	2	-	1	6	3	4
Leichhardt	3	1	2	-	7	5	4
Marconi	3	2	-	1	5	3	4
Brunswick	3	2	-	1	3	3	4
Melb Croatia	3	2	-	1	5	6	4
Adelaide City	3	1	1	1	7	5	3
Preston	2	1	1	-	2	1	3
Heidelberg	3	1	1	1	6	6	3
Footscray	3	-	1	2	1	5	1
Olympic	2	-	-	2	1	5	0
Sunshine	2	-	-	2	1	6	0
St George	3	-	-	3	1	7	0

MELBOURNE CROATIA 2 (J Biskic, I Wallace) b ST GEORGE 0 at St George Stadium. Crowd: 1800.

SYDNEY CROATIA 3 (M Jones, R Slater, G Arnold) b SUNSHINE 1 (S Richardson) at Croatian Sports Centre. Crowd: 7864.

HEIDELBERG 2 (A Hunter, L McKinna) drew with LEICHHARDT 2 (R Brown, G Ward) at Heidelberg. Crowd: 1800.

SOUTH MELBOURNE 2 (S Stevenson, P Wade) b FOOTSCRAY 1 (E Campbell) at Schintler Reserve. Crowd: 3500.

BRUNSWICK 1 (A Grbac) b SYDNEY OLYMPIC 0 at Olympic Park. Crowd: 1100.

MARCONI 2 (Z Nastevski, Maxwell) b ADELAIDE CITY 1 (C Villani) at Olympic Sports Field. Crowd: 4500.

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SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS GET THE WALKABOUTS AGAIN

FOR the second week in succession South Melbourne's star-studded line-up went walkabouts and again it almost cost the club two points.

Hellas, showing plenty of flair and drive in the early parts, look set to take Footscray to the cleaners.

Two goals in two mi-

BY ROD BOWLES

utes by Stuart Stevenson and Paul Wade had them on the ropes and yet, in the fi-

SUNSHINE BOYS

the well-involved Richardson let fly with a 20 metre drive amid a crowd of players and the ball went in off the post.

Then the Trimboli-Markovski show continued with the latter striking the post with a thunderous left-foot drive after a neat one-two.

After this dynamic duo combined once more Graham Jennings should have given his side an unassailable lead when he was clean through with only Keogh to beat but elected to take the ball from his right foot onto his left and missed a golden opportunity.

By now the game had turned away from Croatia and disaster struck them when champion midfielder Zarko Odzakovic reeled from a challenge with Chris Taylor. He had to be taken off with a knee injury.

Against the run of play Arnold walked in the third and decisive goal after Slater had a shot blocked by Keogh.

Then, with the full-

time whistle imminent Richardson mistimed a tackle on substitute David Rezo and was sent off.

Croatia captain-coach Vedran Rozic was happy with the two points.

"Our second half was very poor. In fact we should never have let them back into the match by missing chances in the first 45 minutes," he said.

"Their 'keeper made some good saves but there again ours made two brilliant stops to keep us ahead."

Sunshine boss John Gardiner was perturbed by George Cross's first half misery.

"We were so negative early on. If we had gone at them from the start then maybe something would have come our way," he said.

SYDNEY CROATIA: Franken, Jennings, Vlatkovic, Rozic, Jones, Savor, Rumora, Odzakovic (Climb 88), Slater, Arnold, Lamond (Rezo 56).

SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS: Keogh, Taylor, Parton (Edwards 85), Richardson, Fawcett (Wilton 70), MacLaren, Gilder, Merth, Markovski, Bain, Trimboli.

CROWD: 7664

Referee: G. Power.

nal analysis, Hellas was probably fortunate to come away with a win.

By the 25th minute of play the boot was on the other foot as JUST, led by recently signed defender Eddie Campbell, took the game right up to the Middle Park big guns.

An equaliser by Footscray right on half-time brought the Blues right back into contention and it was only a lack of polish up front that cost Footscray another.

Their coach Drago Sekularac was surprisingly pleased with his charges display.

"I'm still very happy despite the loss," he said after the game.

"No-one can do better with a team that is 30% worse off for players than it was last year."

"With the team I have the result was not so bad at all and with Oscar Crino joining us within the next week we should do even better."

Hellas coach Brian Garvey wasn't nearly as happy despite the fact his side came away with two very valuable points.

He said he would have to work on this Hellas trait of playing a stop-start game and conceded his side could ill-

afford to try to repeat that sort of form against good sides like Sydney or Melbourne Croatia.

"And it disappointed me greatly," said Garvey "that we missed so many chances to improve our lead so late in the game."

The opening goal in the 17th minute came from a Danny Crainie free-kick to which Stevenson did well to reach before flashing a header past Zoran Nikolic in the Footscray goal.

Two minutes later it looked as if the floodgates were opening as a cross by Charlie Egan found Paul Wade, who connected superbly to send the ball spinning wildly past the 'keeper.

But little by little Footscray forced its way back into contention.

Their goal on the stroke of half-time provided spark for the home supporters as Campbell passed to Borzinski, who in turn played Curovic into the area and his deft chip reached Campbell, who blasted his shot past the hapless Peter Laumets to make it 2-1.

But that was as far as Footscray were to get. Campbell was far and away man of the match as he inspired and also managed to save twice off the line.

FOOTSCRAY: Nikolic, James, Karis, Van Egmond, Tapai, Radivojevic, Latt, Borzinski, Curovic (Burlak 70), Campbell, Spink.

SOUTH MELBOURNE: Laumets, Russell, Postecoglou, McDowell, Blair, Wade, Crainie, Egan, Wright (Murphy 82), Stevenson (Hafford 74), Miranda.

CROWD: 4733

Referee: R. Lorenc

COACH BLASTS REFEREE AS JUVENTUS SNEAK IN

DESPITE a return to the winner's list for his team, Brunswick Juventus coach Len McKendry was fuming after a game for the second successive week.

BY GREG BLAKE

Last week McKendry blasted his players. On Sunday it was match referee Dennis Voutsinis who copped a serve of the McKendry acid tongue.

Brunswick took full points for the 1-0 win over the visiting Sydney Olympic but an angry McKendry told reporters after the game that he thought the referee's display was "disgraceful".

"Why shut up about it? When I see a display like that words just fail me."

"It was bad for Olympic, too. They tried to attack but how could they when the game was stop, start, stop, start," McKendry

accepted by the impressive Terry Patalis and Brunswick 'keeper Marrama brought the Olympic player down in the penalty area.

Kosmina stepped up to take the spot-kick but blasted wide.

"If you miss a penalty you probably don't deserve a point," said stand-in Sydney Olympic coach David Ratcliffe.

and Olympic lacking in ability.

Zinni, whose missed chances cost his side a better win, and gutsy Cullen, always ready to take on players, provided some spark and Patalis showed out for Olympic.

Indeed Patalis came close to netting a spectacular goal on the half hour with a looping shot that bounced off



DAVID RATCLIFFE



ALAN HUNTER



JOHN KOSMINA

to get out of this game with a win, following a missed second half penalty by Olympic's Soccerroo veteran John Kosmina.

Juve led from the third minute of play when a Scott Patterson corner was headed home by an unmarked Tony Grbac.

But Olympic, with a courageous display, stayed in contention and should have equalised shortly after half time when Durakovic's poor back pass was inter-

Ratcliffe, although pleased with the improved performance of his side, said: "At the moment it doesn't matter how we play as long as we get a result."

Brunswick, back in the winner's list after successive comprehensive defeats at the hands of Melbourne Croatia in League and Cup games, were hardly impressive.

In fact the match was hard pressed holding the interest of a dismally small crowd with Juventus too scared to lose

the cross bar and upright before being cleared by the Brunswick defence.

Sydney has already had its problems well documented.

The problems at Brunswick are only beginning as successive defeats and a fortunate win on Sunday will testify.

BRUNSWICK: Marrama, Durakovic, Lewis, Brown, Zendenorn, Cullen (Paiside 80), Incentalupo, Lane, Patterson, Zinn, Grbac.

OLYMPIC: Miler, Zvinos (Zervos 45), Hantlis (Dragovic 80), Dekos, Ratcliffe, Georgiadis, Johnston, Kotamindis, Patalis, Kalantzis, Kosmina.

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THE TOP GUNS ALL FAIL TO FIRE

IT WAS a day of shocks in the State Bank State League championship with four of the top placed teams losing their grip at the head of the table.

Blacktown, Manly, Wollongong City and Melita suffered cruel blows to their title aspirations with their defeats, but, at the same time, showed just how close the League will be this season.

It seems no team can rest on their laurels as the minnows of the competition will make the big guns fight all the way.

Competition points will have to be won the hard way.

ROCKDALE 1 MANLY 0

This was not the game for the football purist.

Both sides, faced with the importance of keeping in the top part of the table, made sure of their defensive patterns with adventurous outings strictly forbidden.

Rockdale Ilinden had Billy Pilovski back in defence and Alex Bottalico in attack. And while Pilovski added much needed organising qualities at the back it was Bottalico who showed some fine skills to keep

ALEX VESIC FOR NSW STATE BANK LEAGUE

LEADING Soccer Journalist Alex Vesic has joined AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY.

He will specialise in covering the State Bank League, as well as providing occasional though-provoking features.

Stephen Sheldon, our former State League writer, will resume with us shortly, covering other departments in the game.

possession against this fast and furious Manly team.

Manly almost snatched the lead after five minutes but a Ross Etherington drive bounced off the woodwork with Barker well beaten.

A Pilovski goal after 42 minutes separated the two sides at the end of this 90 minute struggle and the goal was like the rest of the game—scrappy!

A shot by Pilovski took a deflection on its way into the net to give Rockdale this much needed win.

Both coaches, Ilija Takac and Alf Stamp were less than pleased with the standard of football with Takac certainly delighted at the outcome.

"Without Tortevski, who is suspended and Genovese, who is injured, it was pleasing to take both points," Takac said.

ROCKDALE ILINDEN: Barker, Wilson, Boonard, Pilovski, C. Wilson (70th Bedoni), D. Wilson, Rilewski, Darlington, Rodas, Nestor, A. Bottalico.

MANLY: Tingle, Dennis, Williamson, Pearce, Mangan, Joergens, Etherington, Stuart, Robin (20th Smith), Cinaroski (40th Denton), Laughlan.

BLACKTOWN 0 KU-RING-GAI 2

Shock of the round saw Ku-ring-gai Chasers defeat the Demons at the Gabbie by this very clear margin of two goals!

On the back foot for the best part of 30 minutes in the first half the visitors looked ready to fall at the hands of this fast and entertaining Blacktown outfit.

With Paul Kay in devastating form in the middle of the park and Adam Sandy tantalising Ku-ring-gai's defence few doubted that Blacktown would score an easy win.

Somehow the visitors managed to survive the onslaught and came back with its own brand of attacking football.

An early second half chance to Van Blerk in the 49th was matched by Don Campbell in the 53rd at the other end with both players wasting simple chances. Andrew Lacey drew the best save of the match in the 56th when he flew high to tip Adam Sandy's header over the bar.

A throw in by Kevern in the 59th saw Neale Williamson cross to Mark Nile who nodded for Craig Bass, who in turn laid it on for Glen Jeffery to make it 1-0.

Seven minutes later Jeffery and Bass combined to set up Nile who missed. Only two minutes later Jeffery and Williamson combined to set up Bass and his first time left footer left McPherson gasping for air, 2-0.

Further chances fell to Bass and Jeffery before Sandy came close for the locals in the last minute of this match.

Blacktown City: McPherson, Maier, Starny (89th Cotton), Dwyer, Reynolds, Northam, Jeffery (40th Van Blerk), Kay, Elm, Sandy, Thornthwaite.

Ku-ring-gai: Lacey, Kevern, Carburn, Campbell, Pepper, Berry, Goughy (83th Bennett), Williamson, Nile (70th Sutherland), Jeffery, Bass.

CANTERBURY 3 WOLLONGONG CITY 1

Wollongong Wolves were tamed at Arling-ton Oval despite an impressive start to the match eventually lost by 3-1.

John Radman and Chris Hummel were Canterbury's star players during the first 30 minute onslaught by the visitors as they continuously denied their opponent an access.

On the stroke of half hour the tide turned as Nelio Borges found Theo Andromides on the right flank. He crossed for George Kalogeras to find the net via the deflection off a Wolves defender.

From the kick-off Wolves almost made it 1-1. A pile driver by Zivko Hristovski was brilliantly saved by Hummel.

A free kick by Nelio Borges in the 37th following a foul by Skeen on Arambasic led to Canterbury's second goal. Poor clearance saw Anthony (not Arthur) George pick up to tuck it away for the scoreline 2-0.

Randell Easthorpe faced Hummel in the 43rd but yet again the keeper was at his best to keep his goal intact.

A break by Hristovski was foiled at the last moment by Vandarakis to see the home team go into the break with two goals advantage.

Ten minutes into the second half George and Borges combined to set up Arambasic who crossed for John Stamos to put the issue beyond doubt.

With 10 minutes remaining Easthorpe hit the woodwork and Robert Giraldo raced in to pick up the rebound and score. Wolves were all over the home side in the closing stages of the match but to no avail.

Canterbury: Hummel, Antonides, Mikovski, Vandarakis, Radman, George, Stamos (75th Elmiades), Kalogeras (75th Angel), Borges, Andromides, Arambasic.

Wollongong City: Young, Sloan, Morando (Stefanovski 75th), Dickson, Holtfield, Carkely, Girdle, Alnoworth, Brodrik, Easthorpe, Hristovski (75th Arcosa).

URUGUAYAN PENRITH 3 MELITA EAGLES 1

Melita stumbled to its second successive defeat to take a dive down the table following its poor showing against Uruguayan.

Lenny Vial broke through early for the visitors and appeared to have been brought down on the edge of the penalty area but appeals by Melita players were in vain.

There was little joy for Melita soon after as Dra-

gan Pupovac palmed a corner kick straight to the feet of Aytok Genc who slammed a vicious drive into the roof of the net.

With three minutes to half time John McKie, ex Melita player, crossed for Craig Thompson who sent in a curling shot just inside the post for the scoreline of 2-0.

McKie was impeded by Tony Cabassi in the 48th and Brett Woods made it 3-0 from the resultant penalty.

Melita players tried hard to bridge the gap and were rewarded with a penalty 10 minutes before the end after Woods brought Billy Griffiths down. Birol Serbas scored from the spot.

Soon after a Ray Farugia shot bounced off Barry Hoare's legs to end the drama and the second shock of the round.

Uruguayan Penrith: Hoare, O'Donnell, Woods, Tomash, Gonzalez, Bourke, Genc, Thompson, Hunter (72nd Pitts), Batten, McKie.

Melita Eagles: Pupovac, Morando, Griffiths, Cabassi, Cabassi, Williams, McFadden, Farrugia, Brown, Vial, Serbas.

WARRINGAH F/WATER 1 NEWCASTLE 2

For the fifth time in succession Newcastle finished their match with the scoreline standing at 2-1. It was also their third successive away win with that scoreline.

Freshwater started in brilliant fashion with Robert De Ceglie netting after only one minute of play. Steve Knight provided the opening and De Ceglie rounded a defender and the keeper on the way to scoring.

Following a corner kick to Newcastle and a poor clearance by Freshwater the visitors drew even through Nigel Drysdale. Only a minute later Craig Penfold made it 2-1 from the penalty spot after Duckling made an unfortunate tackle inside the area.

Hard as Freshwater tried the result was unchanged at the end of the 90 minutes. With the wind at their back the home side tried to penetrate with their long kicks instead of building up from midfield.

Freshwater: Warren, Gilan, Duckling, Watt, Dean, Knight, Campbell, Kelly, Carrigan, De Ceglie, Giannone (Lynch 75th).

Newcastle: Gills, Roberts, M. Drysdale, Mountford, Dailey, Bowman, Gresham, N. Drysdale, Carrigan, Penfold, Calley.

WOLLONGONG MAC.4 INTER MONARO 3

It was a thriller at Kelly Pand a delight for all those who love to watch goals. It appears from the result of this match that the defences of both sides went walkabout as goals rained, particularly during the second period.

Krkovski opened the scoring for the locals but Panchianco cancelled it soon after to have the two sides go for a half time break locked at 1-1.

Angelo Ambrosino gave Inter Monaro the lead, Paul Giraldo equalised then Lupo Dafkovski sent the home crowd into a frenzy with a superb goal.

Sebastian Giampaolo made it 3-3 and when all

looked set for a draw Lupo Dafkovski centred and Campbell rolled the ball over the line for the final scoreline of 4-3 to Wollongong Macedonia.

Wollongong Macedonia: Krkovski, Mulbauer, Campbell, Ruskin, Sweney, Dafkovski, Todorovski, Krkovski, Gardiner, Kerr, Giraldo.

Inter Monaro: Maricic, Domazetovich, Arthur, Colteroso, Tilles, Ambrosino, Colbertaldo, Velen, Fernandez, Felici.

State Bank SOCCER LEAGUE Results

STATE LEAGUE DIV 1 GR 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Canberra City	5	3	2	0	8	4	8
Blacktown City	5	3	1	1	9	4	7
Manly Warringah	5	3	0	2	5	2	6
Newcastle R'buds	5	3	0	2	8	7	6
Uruguayan Penrith	5	2	1	2	13	8	5
Ku-ring-gai	5	2	1	2	6	5	5
Rockdale Ilinden	5	2	1	2	5	6	5
Wollongong City	5	2	1	2	9	11	5
Wollongong Mace	5	1	2	2	7	8	4
C'bury M'ville Oly	5	1	2	2	7	9	4
Melita Eagles	5	1	2	2	7	9	4
Warringah F/Water	5	2	0	3	6	8	4
Sutherland	5	0	4	1	2	4	4

STATE LEAGUE DIV 1 GR 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Uruguayan Penrith	5	5	0	0	7	2	10
Blacktown City	5	4	1	0	16	4	9
Warringah F/Water	5	3	1	1	14	8	7
Sutherland	5	3	1	1	15	10	7
Melita Eagles	5	3	0	2	21	4	6
Ku-ring-gai	5	3	0	2	6	4	6
Wollongong Mace	5	3	0	2	4	7	6
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Rockdale Ilinden	5	1	0	4	6	9	2
C'bury M'ville Oly	5	1	0	4	4	11	2
Newcastle R'buds	5	1	0	4	4	13	2
Canberra City	5	1	0	4	6	17	2

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Wollongong Mace v Inter Monaro	4-3	1-0
Rockdale Ilinden v Manly Warringah	1-0	0-1
Uruguayan Penrith v Melita Eagles	3-1	2-1
C'bury M'ville Oly v Wollongong City	3-1	1-2
Canberra City v Sutherland	3-1	0-4
Warringah F/Water v Newcastle R'buds	1-2	3-1

CANBERRA G.3 SUTHERLAND 1

BY GRAHAM COOKE

Canberra Griffin striker, Allan Reis got on the score sheet for the fourth consecutive game with two second half goals to sink Sutherland 3-1 at Bruce Stadium.

They came just when it seemed Sutherland was set for its fifth consecutive draw after a penalty by Robert O'Shea had equalised an early goal by the home side from Billy Willox.

First Reis made full use of some slack marking to pick up Augusto Palacios's corner, calmly trapping the ball and running it into the net via the underside of the crossbar in the 65th minute.

Three minutes later Tom Scrimanni burst through from the mid-

field outstripping every defender only to be brought down from behind by Brett Nelson on the edge of the area.

Nelson was given the red card by the referee. Bob Marshall and Palacios's free kick was flicked on by Steve Bryant to Reis who scored.

Sutherland's best spell in front of goal came late in the game when Andy Duncan, brought on as a 77th minute substitute, gave the Griffin defence some problems but goalie Economopoulos was equal to anything that came his way.

CANBERRA: Economopoulos; Bryant, Dunn, Juarez (Nelson 45th min), Reis, Serrano, Palacios, A. Reis, Gonzalez (Papadopoulos), Wilcox.
SUTHERLAND: Burchmore; R. O'Shea, Sellar, Terry, J. O'Shea, Meades, Harrington, C. Hall (Duncan 77th min), Nelson, Londe (Tasker 77th min), Sharp.



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SYDNEY OLYMPIC MEETS ST GEORGE IN BATTLE OF THE TAILENDERS

SYDNEY OLYMPIC and ST GEORGE, two teams yet to knock up any League points, face each other on Monday at the St George Stadium in what could be called "The Day of Reckoning".

Plenty of action is guaranteed when John Kosmina, Olympic's chief striker, lines up against his former teammate from Sydney City, Steve O'Connor, now the St George centre-back.

This match has been switched to Easter Monday by the home side to allow the Greek-sponsored club to celebrate Greek Easter Day, a big occasion in their religion.

David Ratcliffe, a former St George soldier

and now the current boss and player at Sydney Olympic, will face his former master, Frank Arok, coach of St George, in a battle of tactics.

The Saints, after successive losses against AFLA, Marconi and Melbourne Croatia are now desperate for a victory to avoid the big drop at the end of the season.

But the star-studded Sydney Olympic are in an even worse position, also with three successive losses, having made big signings during the off-season as they had hoped to make a solid assault for the championship.

This was going to be Sydney Olympic's big year.

But alas, their start has been disastrous.

After the first week,

Sydney Olympic sacked their coach, Milan Lukic, and lost the services of fiery striker Marshall Soper for at least three months. Their tough-tackling midfielder, Gary Phillips, will miss at least the next four matches through injury.

Adding to Olympic's tale of woes, skipper Peter Raskopoulos will also be out for this match due to back problems.

Ratcliffe, Olympic's caretaker coach, has tightened his side's defence enormously, following the spanking handed out to them by Sydney Croatia a fortnight ago.

But it was not enough to escape yet another loss last Sunday in Melbourne, this time at the hands of Brunswick Juventus in Melbourne.

The former World Cup centre-back said: "Give us another two or three weeks to work on our fitness department and we

will be back on the tracks."

Meanwhile, Frank Ajok, despite his rush signings of former Sydney City stars, Steve

O'Connor and Kevin Hagan, copped another hiding last Friday night when Melbourne Croatia ripped the young, inexperienced St George

apart with dynamic displays by their strikers, Paul Lewis and Ian Wallace.

— JOHN ECONOMOS



JOHN KOSMINA



STEVE O'CONNOR

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Polonia	5	3	2	0	17	3	8
Fairy Meadow	5	3	1	1	9	4	7
N. Bankstown	5	3	1	1	6	4	7
Bathurst 75	5	2	1	2	4	3	5
Kingsford Hill	5	2	1	2	3	7	5
Queens Park	5	2	0	3	4	4	4
Blacktown Utd	5	2	0	3	5	8	4
Dee Why S	5	1	2	2	3	5	4
SC Yugal	4	2	0	2	4	7	4
North S Art	5	2	0	3	8	10	4
Avala	4	0	3	1	5	6	3
Campbelltown C	5	1	0	4	3	10	2
Gladesville H	5	1	0	4	2	10	2

Avala	4	2	1	1	10	8	7
Kingsford Hill	5	2	2	1	12	10	6
N. Bankstown	5	2	0	3	9	10	4
Bathurst	5	1	2	2	4	11	4
Yugal	4	1	1	2	7	6	3
Sydney Olympic	5	1	0	4	5	12	2
Fairy Meadow	5	0	1	4	11	18	1
N. Sydney Art	5	0	1	4	12	21	1
Dee Why	5	0	0	5	4	12	0

STATE LEAGUE DIV 2 GR 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Kingsford Hill	5	5	0	0	18	1	10
N. Bankstown	5	4	1	0	25	1	9
Queens Park	5	4	1	0	17	2	9
Campbelltown	5	4	0	1	14	3	8
Avala	4	3	1	0	14	2	7
Yugal	4	2	0	2	10	5	4
Dee Why S	5	2	0	3	4	9	4
Polonia	5	1	1	3	10	9	3
Blacktown U	5	1	1	3	3	9	3
Bathurst	5	1	1	3	4	11	3
Fairy Meadow	5	1	1	3	6	10	3
Gladesville H	5	1	0	4	7	11	2
N. Sydney Art	5	1	0	4	1	29	2
Sydney Olympic	5	0	1	4	0	21	1

STATE LEAGUE DIV 2 GR 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Campbelltown	4	4	0	0	16	5	10
Queens Park	5	4	1	0	8	1	9
Polonia	5	3	1	1	14	6	7
Gladesville H	5	3	1	1	15	9	7
Blacktown U	5	3	1	1	12	9	7

STATE LEAGUE SECOND DIVISION

	1st	2nd	3rd
Fairy Meadow v Queens Park	1-0	0-2	1-1
Nth Sydney Art v Avala	2-1	3-6	0-4
SSC Yugal v Sydney Olympic	0-4	6-2	7-0
Dee Why Swans v Blacktown United	0-2	1-3	2-0
Polonia v Kingsford	4-0	5-1	0-2
Nth Bankstown v Gladesville Hby	1-0	1-5	4-0

STATE LEAGUE THIRD DIVISION

	1st	2nd	3rd
Campbelltown v Bondi Marine	2-0	2-5	1-2
Canterbury Dist v King Tomislav	2-4	2-0	1-2
Uni of NSW v Moorebank	2-1	1-4	0-1
West United v Nth Ryde RSL	5-0	2-4	1-1
Port Hacking v Mt Druitt Town	0-4	2-1	1-2
Baulkham Hills v Concordia	0-2	6-0	5-0
Rooty Hill v Granville Chile	2-3	3-1	3-2

INTER URBAN 1ST DIVISION

	1st	2nd
Padstow Park v West St George	1-0	1-8
Fieldview v Spanish Club	1-2	0-3
Pageview v Botany Hawks	1-0	5-0
Rosebery Portuguese v Nineveh Eagles	1-0	2-0
Eastwood S v Chelsea	2-4	1-0
Dulwich Hill v Sydney Uni	3-0	2-2

INTER URBAN 2ND DIVISION

	1st	2nd
Macquarie Univ v Liverpool City	2-1	3-0
Concord Juniors v Chile Sports	2-2	4-0
Maroubra United v Schofields	6-1	1-2
Welcome Sports v Haberfield Peru	3-0	4-0
Wentworth v Rangers Hajduk	2-4	2-4
Greenfield v Tressardinos	1-2	2-2

INTER URBAN 3RD DIVISION

	1st	2nd
Abuzziv Castle Hill	4-0	2-2
Cyprus United v Argentinian Ltd	forfeit	not played
Lithgow Workmen v Blacktown Wand	2-2	2-4
Potterham v Colo Colo	1-3	4-1
Crescent Stars v Macedonia Yag	1-4	0-0
Murray Farm v SSC Zagreb	1-1	4-0
Castle Hill v Blacktown Wand	1-5	0-2

INTER URBAN 4TH DIVISION

	1st	2nd
Chullora v Orange Waratah	1-5	1-2
Coblenz v Helias	1-0	3-1
Luddenham v Croatia v Calabria	3-4	—
Greystanes v Armfield RSL	2-2	3-1
Liverpool Olympic v Lebanon	0-2	3-2
Assyrian v Prospect United	1-5	2-1
Orange Waratah v Helias	6-1	8-1

NSW DIV 2 BLACKTOWN WINS

BLACKTOWN started slowly and took 30 minutes to hit the lead.

Steve Nowalinski scored off David Martinuzzo's corner to continue their good form from last week.

In the second half a Blacktown Utd player was sent off but the side responded by scoring a great combination goal.

Ray Eldridge supplied a perfect through pass to Micky Delf who in turn sent David Martinuzzo away on the wing.

Micky Delf followed the play and tucked Martinuzzo's accurate cross into the net for the final and deserved scoreline.



DEE WHY COACH MIKE SPEED

SECOND DIVISION CLUB IN STRIFE

GLADESVILLE-Hornsby is struggling in the NSW State League Second Division, after running second in first grade and winning the club championships in 1986.

It turns out that no less than six of the 1986 squad have been or still are overseas, giving new coach Glenn Fontana a giant headache.

The promoted players have struggled manfully, but some of the pressure will be off as players return over the next five weeks.

Out of the action have been Paddy Sullivan, Keith Rodwell, Ian Dunn, Gavin Mortlock, Lee Murphy and Johnny Hardwick as well as captain and midfielder Graham Williamson.

Paul Cullinan has had a knee reconstruction and won't resume until next season.



DAVID RATCLIFFE

State Bank SOCCER LEAGUE

THIS WEEKS MATCHES

SATURDAY 18th APRIL	STATE BANK SOCCER LEAGUE
Inter Monaro	Vs Blacktown City
Wollongong City	Vs Canberra City
	Marco Polo Gd Wollongong S/G

2ND DIVISION		
Campbelltown City	Vs Polonia	Lynwood Park
Kingsford Hellenic	Vs Nth Syd Artarmon	Kensington Park

3RD DIVISION		
Mt Druitt Town	Vs West United	Popondetta Park
Baulkham Hills	Vs Port Hacking	Ted Horwood Res
Concordia	Vs Granville Chile	Arlington Oval

SUNDAY 19th APRIL		STATE BANK SOCCER LEAGUE	
Ku-ring-gai	Vs Cant M'ville Oly	Parklands Oval	
Manly Warringah	Vs Wollongong Mac	Cromer Park	
Uruguayan Penrith	Vs Rockdale Ilinden	Cook Park	
Sutherland	Vs Warringah F/Water	Seymour Shaw Pk	
Melita Eagles	Vs Newcastle Rosebud	Melita Stadium	

2ND DIVISION		
Queens Park	Vs Bathurst 75	Erskineville Oval
Sydney Maccabi	Vs Fairy Meadow	Wentworth Park
Dee Why Swans	Vs SSC Yugal	Dee Why Oval
Avala	Vs Nth Bankstown	Knight Park No.4
Blacktown United	Vs Gladesville Hby	Francis Park No.2

3RD DIVISION		
Moorebank	Vs Campbelltown	Hammondville Pk
Nth Ryde RSL	Vs Uni of NSW	Magdala Park
King Tomislav	Vs Bondi Marine	Croatian S/G
Canterbury	Vs Rooty Hill	Black Oval

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The Victorian Newsreel

OAKLEIGH SPENDS \$14000 TO SIGN DICK AND ANDRIOTIS

During the week Oakleigh, in a bid to strengthen its squad, spent \$14,000 — big by any standard.

Much sought after player Alex Dick, a former Rothmans Medalist, was signed for \$8000 and promising striker Chris Andriotis who played a handful of matches for South Melbourne was bought for \$6000.

BY PHIL DIAMATARI

With these two in the front line along with Steve Irvine, Oakleigh went into the match with Western Suburbs, who demolished Northcote City the week before, as strong favourites.

As funny as our game of Soccer can be at the best of times, Wests paid little attention to these facts and previous form and took out both points

Victorian Leagues Round 4

1ST DIVISION

ROUND FOUR SATURDAY APRIL 18th

Sunbury United v Doncaster Rovers, Bulleen v Melbourne, North Dandenong v Altona Gate, Richmond v Nunawading City, Albion Rovers v Ringwood City, SM Mordialloc v Essendon City, Werribee v Knox City.

2ND DIVISION

ROUND FOUR SATURDAY APRIL 18th

Mornington v Doveton, North Geelong v Mooroolbark, Prahran City v Eltham, Ringwood United v Clifton Hill, Sandringham v Waverley City, Hamlyn Rangers v Westgate, Dandenong City v Altona City.

3RD DIVISION

ROUND FOUR SATURDAY APRIL 18th

Rosanna v Corio-Geelong United, Springvale United v Geelong, Yarraville v Clarinda, West Brunswick v Port Melbourne, Yallourn v Kailor, Ferntree Gully v Moorabbin City, Bell Park v Moreland Park Rangers.

4TH DIVISION

ROUND FOUR SATURDAY APRIL 18th

Lalor United v Langwarrin, Prahran v Keysborough, Williamstown v Holland Park, Pascoe Vale v Diamond Valley Utd, Seaford v Boronia, East Brunswick v Hawthorn, Karingal United v Coburg.



TOMMY CUMMING

RICOH DOCHERTY CUP

THE first round main draw of the Ricoh Dockerty Cup will be played on Easter Monday. The matches will also be conducted as double headers.

Frankston Pines v Seaford, Morwell Falcons v West Brunswick at Frankston; Melbourne v Morland Park Rangers, Fawkner v Doveton at Coburg; Oakmeadows v Mordialloc at Broadmeadows; Ringwood v Bulleen, Croydon City v Bell Park at Croydon; St Albans v Sunbury, Caulfield City v Doncaster Rovers at St Albans; Northcote City v Polonia Maribyrnong, Thomastown v Nunawading City at Lalor; Western Suburbs v Yarraville, Green Gully v Altona Gate at Green Gully.

NAME: Steve Horvat No.14
AGE: 16
D.O.B: 14/3/71
HEIGHT: 184cm
WEIGHT: 73kg
POSITION: Defender/Midfield
PREVIOUS CLUBS: Geelong Croatia
STATE: Victoria
AGE GROUPS: U13 to U16
REPRESENTED: Oceania Series 1986
AUSTRALIA U16 REP: —
AUSTRALIA YOUTH REP: —
OCCUPATION: Student
OTHER: —

Steven is currently in the Australian U16 squad which has qualified to play in the World Cup finals in Canada this year. The youngest player in the AIS squad and also one of the tallest. He has shown a lot of composure in his play and with his good ball techniques he is a player with a promising career ahead of him.



VICTORIAN STATE LEAGUE

MARIBYRNONG	5	4	2	0	13	6	10
CAULFIELD	6	5	0	1	7	2	10
ST ALBANS	6	4	1	1	13	7	9
GREENGULLY	6	3	3	0	9	6	9
WESTS	6	3	1	2	10	6	7
FAWKNER	6	2	3	1	6	4	7
MOREWELL	5	1	3	1	5	5	5
FRANKSTON	6	2	1	3	10	12	5
THOMASTOWN	5	2	1	2	3	5	5
SPRINGVALE	5	1	2	2	6	7	4
CROYDON	5	1	2	2	3	4	4
BOXHILL	6	0	3	3	4	7	3
OAKLEY	5	1	1	3	6	11	3
BROADMEADOWS	6	1	0	5	6	11	2
NORTHCOTE	5	0	1	4	2	10	1
AIIS (not inc.)	6	5	1	0	13	2	11

BIG MAC ATTACK!

THE return to form of the Melbourne Croatia outfit can be contributed in no small way to their classy midfielder JIM MACLEAN.

Maclean, formerly of Brisbane Lions, has shown an entertaining touch in his outings with the two-time Ansett Shield club. The 27-year-old admitted to being disappointed with the performances of the club

BY FRANK COLETTA

early on but was not perturbed and expressed his enthusiasm at the potential of the side.

"We weren't clicking earlier in the season. Most players, myself included, have a bit of work to do on their fitness and once that comes we should have no problems."

With Maclean driving from the middle the Melbourne should reap the rewards this year.

like a well oiled machine.

With Billy Hammel and Darren Tuck in fine form Suburbs could have had the match wrapped up by half-time.

But just after the interval David Small took a free-kick which hit the wall. The rebound came back to him to beat the keeper with a second shot that Mike Ioakomidis couldn't reach in goal.

Just 12 minutes later Wests' Vietnamese recruit Minh added to the total which gave the Suburbs team a well-earned 2-0 win.

Best players for Suburbs were Hammel, Tuck, Kardamitsis and for Oakley — Andriotis.

OAKLEIGH: Ioakomidis, Cumming, Patigina, Palapattis (Lalor), Tsanopoulos, Kakantoni, Papas, Andriotis, Dick, Irvine (Gourlie).

WESTS: Kardamitsis, Macleod, Kyriakos, Demolovski, Stefanidis (Kagloglev), Hammel, Cutler, Kourtiou (Minh), Palamiotis, Simasman, Tuck.

Northcote City picked up its first point of the season when it drew 0-0 with Box Hill after a week of behind-the-scenes activity down at the club.

Bobby Cole and Gary Cutler are back in the good books, but Tom Dvorsakos, Ken Drakeford, Peter Konstantino, Jim Small and Phil Diamataris are on the outer.

Still, all the activity didn't see any goals in the game being scored by any of the players still in the team. Box Hill on the other hand looked to be in just as much trouble as their attack seemed just as feeble.

Another goalless draw occurred in a finer

Victorian State League

ROUND SEVEN SATURDAY APRIL 18th

Western Suburbs v Croydon City, AIS v Broadmeadows, Caulfield City v St Albans, Morwell Falcons v Springvale City, Maribyrnong v Northcote City, Box Hill v Oakleigh, Thomastown v Green Gully, Frankston Pines v Fawkner.

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performance between Green Gully and Fawkner. Both are strong sides and neither was willing to give an inch.

Even though the score suggested that it was a very defensive game, Gully didn't capitalise on a number of occasions

due to the immense pressure Fawkner's defence applied.

Polonia Maribyrnong continued its impressive run to the championship with a fine win over Springvale 2-1 away.

Caulfield, the dark horse continue to surprise.

CAULFIELD-ST ALBANS SHAPE UP FOR TITLE

ROUND SEVEN of Victoria's State League goes on show this weekend highlighting the Caulfield-St Albans clash.

Both sides are shaping up to be real contenders for the title and both play very exciting Soccer.

St Albans are slightly favoured because of its finishing power with Morovic and Runje, even though the Caulfield defence led by Harris and Koutos and possibly Brooks who is due back after injury, will make things very difficult.

An improved Western Suburbs takes on Croydon City, and with Croydon yet to strike top form the match looks like ending in a draw.

Thomastown plays host to highly fancied Green Gully and there really is a problem in the forward line for Thomastown with goals being very scarce.

Gully on the other hand are extremely well balanced in both forward and defence which will see both points to go the Maltese backed club.

Morwell getting into stride finally will prove too strong for the improving Springvale as will

BY PHIL DIAMATARI

Fawkner who visit Frankston Pines.

Box Hill meet Oakleigh with Chris Kalifatis' side capable of taking at least a point away from Hillmen.

Maribyrnong playing very confidently take on a revamped Northcote, who are capable of an upset, if they can score some goals — though the Polonia defence is very solid.

The AIS who would be leading the competition if "officially" involved take on Broadmeadows.

Even though "Broady" score many goals, the defence leaves a lot to be desired.

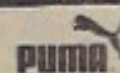
It is a matter of how many goals the AIS's well-oiled machine will put past the State League newcomers.

RESULTS

Northcote City 0 Box Hills, Oakleigh 0 Western Suburbs 2, Springvale 1 Polonia 2, Green Gully 0 Fawkner, Broadmeadows 0 Caulfield 1, Thomastown 0 Morwell Falcons 2, Frankston Pines 2 St Albans 3, Croydon City 0 AIS 4.

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IAN ANDREW WALLACE

Melbourne Croatia



NAME: IAN ANDREW WALLACE
BIRTHPLACE and DATE: Glasgow, 23/5/56.
HEIGHT and WEIGHT: 5ft 7½ in, 11½ st.
MARRIED: Yes, to Carol.
HOME: Melbourne.
CAR: None at the moment.
NICKNAME: Wally.
PREVIOUS CLUBS: Dumbarton, Coventry City, Nottingham Forest, Brest, Sunderland and Maritimo.
OCCUPATION: Footballer.
FAVOURITE PLAYER: Diego Maradona.
FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS: Golf.
FAVOURITE GROUND: Old Trafford.
HOLIDAY RESORT: Marbella.

MUSIC: Rod Stewart.
POSITION: Striker.
ACTOR/ESS: Charles Bronson/Barbara Streisand.
MOVIE: One Flew Over The Cuckoo's Nest.
TV SHOW: Sports and comedies.
DISH: Steak.
DRINK: Lager.
LIKES: Winning and scoring goals.
DISLIKES: Being injured and losing.
INTERNATIONAL GAMES: Five caps for Scotland and 23 at Under 21 level.
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: Scoring the winner for Scotland against Bulgaria after coming on as substitute.
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Not winning as

many medals as I could have.
WORST INJURY: Twisted ankle.
MOST PROMISING TEAM-MATE: I don't know many of the Melbourne Croatia lads yet.
HARDEST OPPONENT: Norman Hunter.
FAVOURITE ALL-TIME PLAYER: Denis Law and George Best.
BOOT TYPE: Adidas.
BEST WORLD XI: There are too many fine players to select a best eleven.
AMBITIONS FOR '87: To do well and score goals for my new club.
LONG-TERM AMITIONS: Enjoy the game and play for as long as I can.

TASMANIAN TALK

BY "VAN DIEMEN"

TAROONA won the Rothmans League section final of Southern Tasmania's Cascade Summer Cup competition when it beat Metro-Claremont 2-1 in extra-time of the replay at Glenorchy's KGV stadium.

It was a momentous win for Tarooma as it played the last hour of the match with only ten men after central defender John Paplos was sent off in the 59th minute for allegedly striking Metro's Michael Dawes.

Ex-Metro coach David Smith had a memorable game for Tarooma.

He scored the equalizer in the 80th minute with a glancing header from Peter Wallace's corner to take the replay into extra-time. He then took Steve Holzinger's place in goal for the final five minutes of the match — Holzinger had to rush off to a wedding — and pulled off a brilliant diving save from Steve Pitchford's shot which threatened to take the game to penalties.

Tarooma's goalkeeper Steve Holzinger was man-of-the-match as he proved almost unbeatable and saved near certain goals by Mark Phillips, Pitchford and Michael McIntyre, the latter on several occasions.

It took a penalty by McIntyre in the 29th minute to beat Holzinger and give Metro the lead and the only other time he looked to be beaten came ten minutes earlier when Kevin Clamp's lob bounced over him but Kevan Wright cleared off the line.

Brett Porthouse, Metro's goalkeeper, saved brilliantly on two occasions.

In the 74th minute he miraculously turned Craig Ross's header over the bar to preserve Metro's lead, while in the

second period of extra-time he stopped Peter Sherman, who had broken through the defence and had only the goalkeeper to beat.

The match was full of incident, with Tarooma's Holzinger and Smith, and Metro's Oliver and Porthouse cautioned, while Paplos of Tarooma was dismissed.

No Penalties

There were several spiteful incidents involving Metro's Pitchford and Agius and Tarooma's Sherman, and one between Metro's Ashwood and Tarooma's Wallace, but amazingly enough, none of these players was even cautioned.

The winning goal came three minutes into extra-time when Tarooma midfielder Eddie Stewart gained possession on the corner of the penalty area and sent in a delightful chip over the head of Porthouse.

The win was sweet success for Tarooma coach Gwyn Richards and manager John Ross.

Not only had their side lost last year's final to University, but it had to survive extra-time and penalties in the semi-final against South Hobart and then undergo a marathon final which



NAME: David Clarkson
AGE: 19
D.O.B: 1/2/68
HEIGHT: 170cm
WEIGHT: 70kg
POSITION: Midfield
PREVIOUS CLUBS: Juventus Hobart
STATE: Tasmania
AGE GROUPS REPRESENTED: U14 to Youth
AUSTRALIA U16 REP: —
AUSTRALIA YOUTH REP: —
OCCUPATION: Student
OTHER: AIS Scholarship 1986

David is a good passer of the ball who likes to play in the centre of midfield. He is another young player who has come from Tasmania and has a good career ahead of him. David has a great attitude towards his training and with steady improvement in some departments of his game he should have a very good year.

TEN MEN TAROONA OVERCOMES METRO

lasted 210 minutes over two games.

Metro had only itself to blame for the defeat as it should really have wrapped up the match in normal time.

Phillips, Clamp and McIntyre all had great first-half chances, while McIntyre, Clamp and Dawes will have sleepless nights after missing second-half efforts.

Tarooma had its chances in normal time, too.

Craig Ross was con-

tinually finding David Smith at the far post with his crosses but Smith's headers were either too weak or inaccurate.

Peter Sherman, who had a tremendous tussle with Ron Agius throughout the match, had an off-day and must have been relieved when his side won.

He had two chances in quick succession in the 25th minute, the first blocked by Oliver and the second parried by Porthouse, and he might

have scored twice in extra-time, once when he controlled Holzinger's long clearance before turning and firing past a post, and again when he only had the goalkeeper to beat.

Sherman still contributed to the game, however, as it was his cross which should have enabled Ross to score, and he did win the corner which Smith headed home for the equalizer.



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CHIT CHAT - Behind the scene at your club

LAST WEEK Sydney Olympic's acting coach David Ratcliffe couldn't believe his luck. Peter Kotaminidis had been carried off the field with a damaged knee at Wednesday night's training. The club feared the worst, but Kotaminidis recovered in time to train vigorously just 48 hours later.

BLACKTOWN CITY secretary Peter Thorn isn't exactly happy. He claims that the NSL paid a deal of attention to a West Adelaide approach to replace Sydney City in the NSL, but they ignored the expressed interest of the Demons in the same objective.

THIS year Canberra City is playing under the name "Canberra Griffins", and under new management. The significance of "Griffins" is to appeal to the entire Canberra population in a bid to build up for bigger things. The "Griffins" is a reference to one of the national capital's main ornaments - Lake Burleigh Griffin.

IF Adelaide Hellas does not make the play-offs for the 1988 West End National League berths it could blame former Soccerroo Martyn Crook.

The big keeper, now back with his old State league club, kept Hellas to a 3-2 win the other week when it could easily have been 6-2.

And while Hellas were being thwarted, their rival, Salisbury, also with three wins from three games, emerged with a 7-0 scoreline from three games while Hellas had to be content with 7-2.

The pair meet on May 9 in a game which could enhance or hinder Hellas' hopes of getting back in the league.

Another APIA player who struck trouble is powerful full-back VIC BOZANIC. He injured his back in a training session just prior to the Adelaide City game, but he hopes to be back in the squad again very shortly.

PRESS conferences are common in Soccer.

They are called to announce a sponsorship, a tour by an overseas club, the buying of a new star player, or the signing of a new coach.

Sydney Olympic's Milan Lukic, sacked after just one League match, called a conference to explain that he "was not at fault" for Olympic's problems.

THE backroom boys are so often responsible for a deal of the success at any club. This year APIA's promotion arm is being handled by FRANK MAIORANA, who has produced an excellent program and blended the club in with many local activities.



STRIKER Kevin Hagan was back in New Zealand when the winding up of Sydney City hit the headlines. Fancy just crossing the Tasman to join an Australian West End League club, and then finding it didn't even exist!

WOLLONGONG City fans, take a bow...

After the Wolves-Blacktown game, played under lights at Wollongong Showground, referee Roger Doneau was booed from the field.

Doneau had dished out nine yellow cards, sent Wolves' midfielder Rade Stefanovski off and disallowed what seemed to be a penalty kick to the home team.

Blacktown won the game 3-1 but both coaches were critical of the referee.

As Doneau and his linesmen were going in to their dressing room one of them was heard to say: "Thank goodness it wasn't at Croatia's ground."

Another said: "Oh, you never have trouble here; they are a good crowd."

Maybe the Wolves' fans need to show a bit more aggression to get a better deal.

ADELAIDE City is luckier than most National League clubs when it comes to the three-week break while the Soccerroos are in Korea.

They have a team in the SA State League second division where they can use any of their National League players.

This ensures a full-blooded workout.

However, coach Zoran Matic may use the break to rest some of his players who are finding it a strain in a shoe-string squad trying to retain the league title.

But he is anxious to see the team get into the State League First Division to attract more youngsters to the club.

Fortunately he has made two more signings since our last issue - former State leaguer Andy Toland, a midfielder, has signed after a stint in Perth, and former Footscray midfielder-striker Dean Milosevic has also been taken on.

DEE WHY Swans State League second division club will this year be without their great club man and longest serving player of over 10 years.

His name is Steve Hagggett, who has 'retired' to play in amateur ranks.

Steve, brother of former star Russell Hagggett, is well known in the lower divisions, having given great service to both Dee Why and now defunct Yagoona.

DAVID RATCLIFFE... acting coach.

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These Are Shaky Saints!

BY FRANK COLETTA

"IN a team as shaky as this you need a bit of luck and the bounce of the ball to go your way on the odd occasion, as yet this hasn't happened and we've been on the wrong end all too often." These are the words of a concerned St. George coach FRANK AROK.

Arok was referring to the disappointing start to the NSL season by his charges. "It is disturbing when players are given instructions to man-mark and they are not carried out."

"For a majority of a game we are able to hold the opposition but then we falter in our defensive duties and we are a beaten team."

"This has been our downfall all season."

It must be remembered that St. George is going through somewhat of a transition

period after having lost close to a full team during the off-season.

But it's high time people stopped making excuses and referring to the departed likes of David Ratcliffe, Terry Greedy and Co.

Saints have talent in their midst, plenty

of youth and exuberance and this has to be harnessed together by Arok if this grand old club is to avoid troubles such as relegation come the end of the season.

As Arok says: "We can only continue to fight."

And fight they must...



Two of the hapless Saints, Moffitt and Ricoy.

HE's made it at last. We're referring to Charlie Villani, the brilliant Adelaide City midfielder who has been selected for the Socceros' training squad.

The fact that he has not been in before is not the fault of national coach Frank Ark.

Villani is the first to admit that he often "fades" in and out of games.

But on current form he appears to have it all together and could cement a regular place along with club teammate Sergio Melita, already a senior Socceros.

NORTH TASMANIAN POINTERS

COLIN Guest seems to have settled down to doing what he does best — scoring goals. Since arriving from England the day before Juventus' first round game against Burnie, he has hit five goals, including a hat-trick against glamour team, Matric.

JUVENTUS player Peter Savill has been appointed coach of Northern Tasmania's Senior representative team this year. The team is training in preparation for their first game against a Southern Tasmanian Senior representative side in Hobart on Easter Monday, April 20.

THE Mayor of Launceston, Ald Don Wing, officially opened a new \$190,000 building at Ogilvie Park on March 29. The single-story brick and timber complex includes dressing rooms, toilet and shower facilities, referees room, kloeks and a large function room.

The Matric Soccer Club, Northern Tasmanian Soccer Association, Northern Tasmanian Junior Soccer Association and Northern Tasmanian Softball Association will share the venue; and it will be managed by the Ogilvie Park Management Committee comprising members of the four bodies.

ANOTHER year has passed and still there is no SBS-TV coverage in Northern Tasmania. It shouldn't be too difficult to set up coverage in the northern part of Australia's smallest State.

Then Tasmania would become the first State in the nation to have a whole-State SBS-TV coverage. What a feather this would be in someone's cap!!!



CHARLIE VILLANI... skills personified.

IN addition the N.T.S.A. 1987 Soccer season was officially opened by Ald Don Wing, Mayor of Launceston, at Ogilvie Park on the same day.

It was held in conjunction with the opening of the superb clubroom complex earlier in the day.

FORCING clubs to pay a bond at the start of the year, to ensure they don't do a Sydney City and quit the league, may be a sound idea.

We say "may" because some clubs can just afford to pay their affiliation fees and to have to find the initially suggested \$100,000 would stretch their budgets to bankruptcy point!

WOLLONGONG City play the second of their six Saturday night games this weekend and the opposition will be Canberra.

There was plenty of criticism of the conditions after the Wolves played Blacktown under the shocking Wollongong floodlights.

Blacktown coach Lee Scheinflug said if he had known how bad the lights was he would not have allowed the game to be played.

He and rival coach John Fleming were also angry at the rugby league markings which had been put down for the Illawarra-St George game the following day.

Players of both teams looked confused at times with lines appearing in front of them almost continually.

The floodlights should be a lot better this Saturday after \$8000 worth of improvement over the last few games.

No doubt the players will still have to contend with those troublesome rugby league markings — even though the Wolves fork out \$1200 to rent the place.

ZORAN MATIC was not exactly happy over the limited width of Lambert Park. "It's far too narrow for the way we play," he said. But Adelaide City is not the only team to have struck trouble due to the dimensions of the Leichhardt ground.

ABC-TV kicked-off their popular "Road To Wembley" show last Thursday, despite rumours that they would not be able to screen it.

Skychannel, an Alan Bond subsidiary, had secured the TV rights for the English F.A.Cup matches and is believed to have threatened to black-out TV coverage, other than through his private satellite exposure into clubs and hotels.

Some fast negotiations took place and ABC TV men took 'line honours' on behalf of all Soccer.

But it wasn't plain sailing. The Network at one stage was anchored down in the discussions with the Bond organisation at the helm.



Mr Alan Lovell, Managing Director of Lotto is presented with a porcelain figurine from President, Alex Pongrass.

MOST Croatia supporters don't know just how unlucky ZARKO ODZAKOV was to be injured against George Cross on Sunday.

After the game with Odzakov sitting a couple of feet away with the injured knee on a chair and bags of ice surrounding it, coach Vedran Rozic claimed: "It was bad luck because a couple of minutes before I was to bring Shane Clinch on for him. But the ball wouldn't go out."

THE international series including Manchester United, Nottingham Forest and Glasgow Celtic has been moved offshore. Apart from two games each in Perth and Adelaide, another couple will be played in Jakarta.

DAVID SKEEN is playing at his top for Wollongong City. He cost the club \$4000 plus David Green in exchange and Wolves coach John Fleming can't believe his luck in obtaining him.

In addition Scott Dickson is wending his way back. His defensive qualities would rate him as one of the best in the NSW State Bank League, as soon as he reaches a satisfactory fitness level.

DESPOTOVSKI is his name... and scoring goals is his game. The 21 year old striker will join Wollongong City from Yugoslav Second Division club Ochrud once his papers are through.



THE youngsters of Sunshine George Cross, namely PAUL TRIMBOLI and JOHN MARKOVSKI, team-mates in the national Youth squad, have struck up a top understanding.

It was quite evident during the match at Edensor Park on Sunday against table-toppers Sydney Croatia that this duo, when given a little more time to develop their games, will be a couple of Australia's stars of the future.

POOR old STEVE RICHARDSON had a real mixed bag on Sunday for Sunshine against Sydney Croatia.

He opened the match with a booking, scored his side's only goal and ended up being sent-off two minutes into injury time.

ANTHONY FRANKEN continues to produce international form.

Two of his spectacular flying saves for Sydney Croatia against George Cross were of the highest quality.



ST GEORGE's long serving president Alex Pongrass (centre) thanks Alan Lovell (Lotto) and local MP Gary Punch for their support for the club.



Adding a touch of traditional beauty are hostesses from the Palotas Dancers - Judy, Kristina and Margaret.

ROBBIE SLATER doesn't half enjoy scoring goals!

Says Robbie: "It's great getting on the scoresheet regularly but the boys have been giving me a bit of ribbing over all the attention and limelight I've grabbed lately."

"They reckon I'm impossible to live with now!" he said jovially.

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FORMER Newcastle Identity and NSL coach Peter Irving had his first taste of victory in Hobart when Juventus-Pioneer won the Cascade Summer Cup at the KGV Stadium. Walter Press' shows Irving (right) as fans reach out to congratulate him.

PROMISING young full-back CARLO SPINA is on the sideline at Lambert Park due to a ligament problem. He hopes to resume playing by the middle of the season.

AS well as Sydney Croatia are going they still have IVO PETKOVIC to return from Yugoslavia.

Petkovic it should be remembered was the dynamo in the Edensor Park outfit last term, yet some people have claimed that they don't need him!

SYDNEY CITY players are believed to be in reality free agents as far as the law is concerned. In that situation no transfer fees should have been paid for them to shift across to another club.

The club that shocked the NSL fraternity with its dramatic withdrawal from the League is understood to be handling matters by honouring the players' contracts as far as some payments are concerned.

Two weeks ago for the match against Sunshine George Cross, which was never played, Sydney City players were paid a full win bonus.

Under contract law their employer, the Hakoah Club, is alleged to have committed a breach.

SYDNEY CITY supporters, still angry that their beloved team has been removed from the League, held an emergency meeting last week at the Hakoah Club at Bondi.

Amongst many things discussed, a motion was carried by the Supporters' Committee that the full gate monies from the first round match at the St George Stadium against Sydney Olympic, should be immediately donated to that club.

The Supporters justified their motion by the fact that Sydney Olympic will not now be able to collect an equal gate in the second round due to Sydney City's withdrawal.

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BACK CHAT



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WITH all that has happened in the past week concerning Sydney City and the National League the talk has turned to matching Australian Rules to bring to fruition a totally nation wide competition.

The 'Up there Cazaly' lads have succeeded in rounding up Victoria, NSW, Queensland and Western Australia.

Soccer? Well we've got NSW, Victoria and South Australia. Unfortunately Queensland missed out and we have no regional teams such as those from the ACT, Newcastle or Illawarra.

Now the talk turns to Western Australia and Tasmania.

Well the Apple Islanders could well appear in the National set-up in the near future. They have two fairly strong State League competitions in the North and South and the National League will progress to a state where Tassie will be able to get a start — but that is a while away yet.

So what about those Sandpipers, so far away from us? The newly formed Australian Rules outfit of the West Coast Eagles are flying high in the Victorian Football League (what a name for a national competition!) and there currently is somewhat of a Soccer revolution going on in the west which could lead to something.

To date, the Soccer Federation of Western Australia has stoutly resisted any change to the set-up there. However, local clubs have banded together to get support for their move to make a belated entry into the National League.

I'll tell you some more of the goings on next week...

CHARLIE YANKOS came through his baptism against St. George for APIA and since then has continued the good work against Adelaide City and Heidelberg with no ill effects despite playing with stitches in his knee.

The Soccer captain has looked surprisingly mobile for a man who had only recently recovered from a severe injury but this raises the question of why there are so many knee injuries in Soccer.

One player offered this explanation: "These days doctors are so much more advanced and the injury tends to be diagnosed so much earlier than it used to be. And where a player would previously have gone through a career carrying a damaging injury, that inevitably ended their playing days, now the trouble is quickly rid of in the formative stages — most of the times."

ON Saturday, the League Cup Final (known as the Littlewoods nowadays) between Arsenal and Liverpool was splashed on ABC TV, and I bet anyone who managed to view the big game got the same warm feeling I did watching two great clubs, battle on a great ground during a great day in front of a great crowd.

That is the way Soccer should be! A spine-tingling final at Wembley on a beautiful Spring day — oh! to be in London!

TIME AGAIN for the NSL picks of the week...

The Easter festivities spread to the National Soccer League and we have the fourth round spread over three days this weekend.

APIA Leichhardt and FOOTSCRAY go at it on Saturday at Lambert Park and the well performed Rale Rasic boys should get up.

Then Easter Monday the struggling SYDNEY OLYMPIC meet the equally poorly placed ST. GEORGE at the St. George Stadium and they should both come out with a point. This game is being played at the start of the week because of the Greek Easter on Sunday.

The rest of the round on Sunday — MELBOURNE CROATIA entertain ADELAIDE CITY and the champions will do it tough to grab a point. MARCONI will beat HEIDELBERG at Roseley Park. PIRNSTON at home at the Connor Reserve will do it tough to hold out front-runners SYDNEY CROATIA who will take both points and the improving SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS will get a point from BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS.

REALISM IS THE FATHER OF COACHING STABILITY

IT's a hard life being a coach and with only one round gone in the NSL already two clubs have changed coaches. Roy McLaren has gone at Heidelberg and now Milan Lukic has parted company with Sydney Olympic.

Probably the biggest outlay a club has is its coach and players. It therefore makes sense that the people who run a club want to get the best man possible that their budget allows.

In fact in modern day Soccer it's more to the point that a manager/coach is appointed to the job, as are the likes of Frank Arok, Eddie Thomson and Rale Rasic.

So careful research needs to be done on the qualities clubs need in their manager/coach.

For example:

- Playing background
- Soccer knowledge
- Coaching background
- Dedication
- Management skills



BY ALAN VEST
NSW DIRECTOR
OF COACHING

- Power of communication
- Strong personality
- Coaching ability

This is because the manager/coach needs to plan, promote, organise, manage and coach the team and club.

Successful manager/coaches depend to a large extent on the use of power and it is these responsibilities that clubs need to define and coaches need to be aware of.

- POSITIONAL POWER (selection, discipline)
- KNOWLEDGE OF THE GAME (tactical awareness)
- CHARISMA (inspirational effect on team and club)
- COMMUNICATION ABILITY (relating well with players)
- LEADERSHIP QUALITIES (strong personality, dedication, discipline etc.)

Perhaps if clubs start thinking in terms of what's needed for the club, and be realistic in their goals, then more stability will be the result.

REFEREES AIM TO GET THEIR NSL PERFORMANCES IN TUNE

THE nation's best referees are stepping up their performance as they try to keep pace with the increased standards of the re-established National League.

Twenty top referees have been selected for National League duty this year.

They are aware of the criticism levelled at officials last year and are trying to ensure that fitness at least, will not let them down.

NSW has five National League referees, Victoria five, Northern NSW two, South Australia two, Queensland two, ACT two, Tasmania one and West Australia one.



DON CAMPBELL

So, while club representation in the new National League cannot be claimed as truly national, the referees can.

NSW's five are Richard Lorenc, Gary Power, Arthur Owens, Ken Small, and Terry Seacy.

South Australia's Don Campbell is currently rated, within the game, as our number one referee.

Chris Bambridge and Stuart Mellings of Victoria are rated next in line.

Richard Lorenc has won many admirers with good performances in recent seasons, though some feel he could be tougher at times.

He is generally considered number one in NSW, with the retirement of Tim Davies and Peter Rampley.

Terry Seacy, who seems to have been fighting a one man campaign against player violence in recent times, is the hit man of the NSW five.

He is not afraid to dish out fistfuls of yellow cards, with the odd red one thrown in, during any game under his control.

No so long ago, Terry was refereeing an Inter Urban game and sent a player off.

The player didn't like it and bashed Terry, breaking his nose.

The big question, of course, is what was one of our leading referees doing on a park field in the suburbs.

This type of appointment will not have to be suffered this year by the elite 20.

They, predominately are expected to referee only in National League or State League 1st division.

This at least will please the many people in the game who have lambasted our referees as being the weakest part of our Soccer.



CHRIS BAMBRIDGE

Referees will receive \$150 for a National League first grade game.

Last year in National League it was \$110.

So how good or bad are our referees.

Standards

I have long maintained that they are as good as the standard of Soccer they operate in.

Generally, in life, we will operate to the level required of us.

If our Soccer over the

last two decades had improved to the standard of that of England, Germany, Italy, Spain, our referees would have gravitated upward along with it.

However, our club Soccer is not at the level of top world club Soccer.

Consequently, neither are our referees a match for the best in the world.

Nevertheless, as we can see on television, the gap shrinking between our club Soccer and that of the top Soccer nations, we can also observe that "their" refs are not that much better than our own.

Our best referees are on a par with our best teams and best players.

They have to be.

Certainly on the score of experience they match up.

Our top players, in their mid to late 20's have been playing Soccer for some 15 to 20 years.

Richard Lorenc, who is about 36 years old, has been refereeing for some 18 years.

Gary Power, Arthur Owens and Ken Small have all notched up some 15-20 years of refereeing Soccer.

Terry Seacy, at 46, has been refereeing for 30 years.

Could our best Soccer player, say Graham Arnold, perform better than our best referee if they were both asked to appear in a World Cup final tournament tomorrow?

Well, our players have not been in the World Cup finals for 13 years.

Bambridge

But Chris Bambridge appeared in last year's World Cup finals.

I thought he did an excellent job in the game he refereed.

In my view he made an error by failing to give a goal for a shot that hit the bar and bounced over the goal line.



RICHARD LORENC... toughness needed.



BY MIKE JOHNSON

Ex First Division English footballer. Well known coach and author of Soccer Skills.

The shot was so fast and it all happened so quick, with no linesman game to say it was a goal.

So he gave the benefit of the doubt to the goalkeeper, as he should.

He was criticised and made a scapegoat for that decision.

It would not have happened to a referee from a major Soccer country.

Nevertheless, Chris Bambridge gave an excellent display in that World Cup game.

Always looking in charge, always confident, always looking the part and always looking to have every right to be at that elevated level.

There is no Soccer player in this country who, in his own sphere, could have performed better.

So I say again the standard of refereeing in this country is of a standard equivalent to the standard of Soccer in this country.

What has been handicapping our referees, is that they should never have been asked to referee at such low levels of the game here, the way they have been.

Indeed, why should Terry Seacy have been refereeing in the fifth division Inter Urban?

That is no way for a referee to improve his standards.

We do not ask National captain Charlie Yankos to play in the fifth division on a park field, or fourth division, or third, or second every other week.

It is a step in the right direction that the top 20 refs have been culled and set apart.

Give them the best games and see how they go.

Let the up and comers compete to break through into their ranks.

Competition spells improvement.

The referee, unlike a team, a coach, a manager, or a club president can never win.

However, perhaps this year, people will look more to their own improvement and less to pointing the finger at the man with the whistle.

NATIONAL YOUTH LEAGUE

SAINTS DOUBLE UP FOR FOUR POINTS

THE leading Northern Division trio kept their 100% record intact at the weekend, once again accounting for their State League opposition.

Tony Parison led APIA's second half charge to down the determined Berries at the bumpy Arlington Oval. Parison scored twice, set up another and was pulled down for a penalty as APIA stayed on top with a 4-0 win.

Croatia had no patience to wait for a second half charge as they slaughtered Manly 7-0 opening their account in the first minute.

St George played mid-week and again on Friday in keeping themselves equal top, via the goalscoring exploits of Zoran Ilic who netted twice against Warringah in the 5-2 win. On Friday Ilic went one better bagging a hat trick laying the foundation for the 4-0 win over Sutherland.

ST GEORGE 5 W'GAH F/WATER 2

The only bright spots in a poor match last Wednesday evening were the impressive finishing of Ilic and Theo Kotsias. Twice however Warringah fought back but superior skill and experience from the Saints gave them the points.

Ilic opened the scoring in the 16th minute but Rupert quickly equalised nine minutes later. Kotsias restored the Saints lead with a fine shot following a corner in the 39th minute.

Ten minutes into the second period Ilic converted a spot kick following a deliberate handball. Rupert again pulled a goal back after an error by Lou Talevski.

The Saints marched home with further goals from Kotsias and Scott Hughes and at least 10 more opportunities were squandered.

ST GEORGE: Folan, Hughes, Kotsias, Naumovski, Harman, Potler, Calet, Kotsias, Meacock (McEvoy), Talevski (Pearson), Ilic.

CANTERBURY 0 APIA 4

APIA took a long time to overcome a very bumpy Arlington pitch and the determined opposition last Sunday.

The Berries played with a lot of heart and a well organised off side trap to keep the Strikers frustrated until the final 20 minutes.

Apart from a superbly executed chip into the far corner from Tony Parison the first half was devoid of incident.

Although APIA looked in little danger at the back due mainly to the experience of Terry Greedy in goal and Vic Bozanic as sweeper, their constant forages forward were thwarted by poor finishing and a clever offside trap.

Canterbury twice squandered open goals with Michael Beris the offender on both occasions. The best move from the Berries saw Beris link up with Con Kerry in a succession of 1-2s before Beris found the sidenetting with only Greedy to beat.

Five times Parison was caught offside and in the 72nd minute missed the goal completely after Dean Radice had drawn the keeper and slipped a pass across the box.

Parison turned destructive in the final 20 minutes with a succession of raids that sealed the match for the maroons. In the 73rd minute he beat two defenders and cut the ball in for Vic Bozanic to sidefoot home.

Parison was upended in the area two minutes later allowing Terry Greedy onto the scoresheet once again as he confidently found the corner from the spot.

It was Parison who cut out himself the goal of the match after beating four players in tight space on the edge of the area before slotting wide of the keeper in the 78th minute.

CANTERBURY: Mihos, Kokkila, Kononopoulos, P. Giannopoulos, G. Giannopoulos, Diles, Myriannakis, Beris, Kerry, Karavatsis (Radman), Georgopoulos (Finos).

Best players: Perry Giannopoulos, George Giannopoulos, Con Kerry.

APIA: Greedy, Petterson, Bozanic, Bakirtas, Ancora, Mead, Papaythia (Radice), Zulu, Spasani.

TOUGH PRESIDENT'S CUP CAMPAIGN

AUSTRALIA will have the job in front of it when it competes for the Presidents Cup in South Korea in June.

Group B opponents are Argentina, Holland, Korea B, Morocco and the USA.

In the A group are Chile, Egypt, Korea A, Kuwait, Thailand and an Eastern European

side to be announced.

The degree of competition is just what national coach Frank Arok ordered, with the Olympic Games in view.

The Soccerroos will play the preliminary rounds in provincial cities. The final will be played in Seoul on June 21, with matches commencing on June 9.

ST GEORGE 4 SUTHERLAND 0

The first half of the local derby at St George Stadium on Friday night was scoreless and unimpressive for both sides, with poor passing, missed chances and mistakes abounding.

Nevertheless the young 'Sharks' matched their illustrious neighbours in enthusiasm and speed in the first period.

The second half was a different story, with the Saints taking control whilst the Sutherland lads ran out of steam.

The Saints opened their account from the penalty spot in the 65th minute, following a handball, but Zoran Ilic had to have two bites at the cherry after keeper Andrew Simpson saved his first shot.

But he made no mistake with the rebound.

Neil Owen added the second four minutes later from 10 metres, following a free kick. Ilic added his second, again from a rebound after keeper Simson had made a good save from a Paul Taleki shot. Ilic completed the

scoring and his hat-trick in the 78th minute, following a defensive error when he rounded two defenders to score a solo effort.

ST GEORGE: Bouhousse, Harman, Kotsias (Taleki), Naumovski, Lampropoulos, Owen, Ilic, Kotsias, Meacock, Potler, Di Mondia (McEvoy).

Best players: Zoran Ilic, Robert Harman, Zoran Naumovski.

SUTHERLAND: Simpson, Carroll, Long (Berkovic), Ashton, Fielding, Bernal, Giovenco, Barr, Lerond, Clark, Duncan.

In the final game of the round Melita Eagles opened their account with a dour 1-0 win over Uruguay at Cook Park. The only goal came after 18 minutes via the head of Steve Klinkacovski, his second in as many games.

LEADING SCORERS

6 Adrian Ciscato (Croatia), Joe Russo (Marconi)
5 Zoran Ilic (St George), Tony Krslovic (Croatia)
4 Lou Dounis (Apia), Sam Zullo (Apia), Tony Parison (Apia)

NEXT WEEK'S MATCHES: Sat Apr 18

Apia v St George Lambert Park 12.15pm, Sunday Apr 19 Manly v Uruguay Cromer Park 10.40am, Melita v Warringah Melita Stadium 10.40am, Marconi v Canterbury Marconi Stadium 12.15pm, Olympic v Croatia St George Stadium 12.15pm.

NSW YOUTH LEAGUE NORTHERN DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
APIA Leightford	3	3	0	0	17	0	6
Sydney Croatia	3	3	0	0	18	4	6

DISCIPLINE A PROBLEM

MANY clubs around the country are facing a lack of player discipline.

This year some clubs have had to give considerable thought to the question; for example Gerry Gomez and Jean Paul De Marigny both found themselves fined by their respective coaches — Roberto Vieri and Eddie Thomson.

Eddie Thomson was

St George	3	3	0	0	13	2	6
Sydney Olympic	2	2	0	0	8	1	4
Marconi	3	2	0	1	10	5	4
Melita Eagles	2	1	0	1	3	6	2
Sutherland	3	1	0	2	9	3	2
Manly	2	0	2	1	10	0	0
Uruguay	3	0	0	3	0	8	0
Croatia-Melita	3	0	0	3	0	13	0
W'gah/Water	3	0	0	3	2	18	0

RESULTS

ST GEORGE 5 (Ilic 2, Kotsias 2, Hughes), WARRINGAH 2 (Rupert 2). ST GEORGE 4 (Ilic 3, Owens), SUTHERLAND 0. APIA 4 (Parison 2, Bozanic, Greedy), CANTERBURY 0. MARCONI 4 (Russo 2, Carbone, Lingotti), WARRINGAH 0. MELITA 1 (Klinkacovski) URUGUAY 0. SYD CROATIA 7 (Krslovic 2, Karmun 2, Ciscato 2, Butler ng), MANLY 0.

quoted as saying after the match against Olympic, that if De Marigny hadn't lost his cool and had stayed on the field, Sydney City would have really spanked Sydney Olympic. As it was they won 2-0.

Sydney Olympic had this problem last year, especially the Marshall Soper confrontation with Gerry Gomez, and in the National Grand Final against Adelaide City.

On the latter occasion Soper was sent off, which most probably cost Olympic the championship. There is no doubt that if Soper hadn't erupted and had concentrated on producing that magic that only he can, Olympic would have been given a better chance of winning.

Congratulations to Marconi and the now defunct Sydney City club on their attitudes in the past and present towards the disciplinary problem.

—TONY RALLIS

THE KIWI COLUMN

A GALA dinner featuring the "who's who" of Auckland and New Zealand football will be the highlight of off-the-field activities to celebrate Auckland soccer's first 100 years, over Queen's Birthday Weekend.

The Centennial Dinner, set down for 7pm at the Kingsgate Convention Centre on the evening of Monday 1st June will be the climax of the AFA's centenary celebrations.

At \$50 per ticket which includes pre-dinner drinks, a sumptuous buffet and complimentary wines, the Auckland Football Association is making provision for catering for up to 800 supporters and guests.

The feature of the AFA's centenary, of course, is the match between current England First Division leaders Everton and the Auckland representative side. The match is set down for 1pm at Mt Smart Stadium on Queen's Birthday Monday, 1st June.

Everton will play one other game in NZ, against a Canterbury Invitation XI on Saturday 30 May, and a match in Melbourne on the way home.

While it is an ambitious project for the AFA to undertake, association chairman, Frank Thompson, says Auckland was committed to bringing out the best possible side to participate in the centenary celebration. "We are naturally delighted to have a team of Everton's calibre agree to join us for what is obviously a special and historic occasion for Auckland football," Mr Thompson said.

Everton will be bringing a party of 26 on their tour of New Zealand and Australia headed by their chairman, Mr P D Carter CBE, who will be one of the main speakers at the centennial dinner.

HARD ROW TO HOE FOR U16 JOEYS

AUSTRALIA will find the going tough after having been drafted into Group 3 of the World under 16 Cup, to be played in Canada in July.

In the group are Australia's first opponent Saudi Arabia, Brazil and the European no.2 nation.

Australia's group will be played in the French speaking city of Montreal.

In 1985 Australia met up with another top opponent in Argentina in the Peoples Republic of China — life wasn't meant to be easy.

The final will be contested on July 25 in Toronto.

Details of the draw are: July 12: Group 1 in Toronto: Europe (3) v Canada, Qatar v Egypt. Group 2 in Saint John, New Brunswick: Ivory Coast v Republic of Korea, US v Ecuador. Group 3 in Montreal: Brazil v Europe (2), Saudi Arabia v Australia. Group 4 in St John's, Newfoundland: Europe (1) v Nigeria, Mexico v Bolivia. July 14: Australia v Europe (2). July 16: Australia v Brazil. July 19: Qtr-f in Montreal: Winner Group 3 v Runner-up Group 4. In St John's Runner-up Group 3 v Winner Group 4. July 22: Semi-f in Saint John. July 24: Bronze match in Saint John. July 25: Final.

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SOUTH AMERICAN STAR ARRIVES

WASHINGTON GONZALES, the former Uruguayan international defender, arrived in Sydney last week and is ready to play in the NSW State Bank Soccer League.

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

Uruguayan Penrith, has already rushed to get his signature on a contract.

Gonzales, who has just turned 30, played in Uruguay for Nacional and was in his country's international team for eight years.

For the last two years,

Gonzales travelled south, to played in Argentina's famous club Racing, which won promotion back into the First Division in 1985.

The star South American defender was enticed to come to Australia by his father-in-law who lives here.

The Nationwide Round-up



ADELAIDE CITY PRESSES CASE FOR NSL MATCH OF THE DAY

ADELAIDE City's home ground at Olympic Sports Field could become a major centre for Match of the Day — provided the Australian champions hold form.

West End National League executive director, Stefan Kamasz, made a special trip to Adelaide last week to check out the ground for the City Marconi Match of the Day on SBS-TV, as well as to see the Beach Fashions Cup game against George Cross.

"We are looking at Olympic Sports Field as one of the leading TV grounds," said Kamasz. "If we can be sure of certain facilities and City holds its form, then there could be several key TV games from South Australia."

City was one of the clubs which complained after the first round of the season when only three games were covered.

However, Mr Kamasz has assured clubs that as from this week all games will have cameras in action.

Most clubs have sold advertising around their grounds as a money-spinner, and this was one aspect of the non-appear-

BY TOM McKAIN

ance of cameras which annoyed City president, Mr Charlie Caruso.

While he would be flattered to see City featured in Match of the Day on a regular basis, it remains to be seen how the program affects attendances.

Already some clubs are complaining, and the complaints could grow

stronger as the weather deteriorates.

And fans could decide to stay home also if their team started to fade from the title scene.

It has yet to be proved that the "direct telecasts" will boost gates or interest in the code.

The major telecasting of games which look like the clash of the round can often turn out to be the duller.

Highlights, or cut-down versions, can always be made to look more exciting than the "live" encounter.

And it must be admitted that very few grounds

are suited to television particularly when the cameras have to shoot from the grandstand into the terraces, or mounds, which are invariably sparsely populated.

Then viewers are treated to wondering spectators, mostly youngsters, doing everything but watching the action.

This is a major handicap for the TV people, and whoever can come up with a solution for them would do the game a great service.

Perhaps some answers can be found at Olympic Sports Field.



ADELAIDE City crowned National Champions in 1986.

NEWCASTLE REFEREE



PICTURED is Newcastle's long-serving referee JIM REEVES, handling a recent fixture in Sydney. Reeves, along with Bob Davies, are the two Northern NSW referees on the WENSL panel.

WESTIES TAKE THE PRIZE

By DAVE WILLIAMS

WEST WALLSEND, the 1986 premiers, took the first honours of 1987 with a hard-earned win over Wallsend in Sunday's Northern NSW pre-season final.

West Wallsend won 2-1 after leading 1-0 at half-time through a Brett Porter goal in the

24th minute.

Wallsend equalised when Tony Davies scored in the 68th minute and then did most of the attacking in the remaining time.

Porter could have sealed the result 10 minutes from full-time but his angled shot from 10 metres towards an empty goal rebounded off the left upright.

The boilover at Sydney City caused no ripples at Lambert Park. "We have finished our season's purchases," said coach Rale Rasic. Later the club decided to open their books and make a sound purchase — Jean-Paul De Marigny.

QUEENSLAND XXXX LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
North Star	8	8	—	—	17	7	16
Lions	8	6	2	—	23	3	14
East	8	3	5	—	18	9	11
Azzurri BC	8	3	3	2	15	11	9
Grange Thistle	8	2	5	1	8	4	9
Rosedale	8	2	5	1	9	9	9
Rosedale Utd	8	3	2	3	9	14	8
Ipswich Utd	8	2	3	3	7	7	7
Coalstars	8	1	2	5	10	14	4
Mt Gravatt	8	—	4	4	7	19	4
Olympic Utd	8	—	3	5	5	21	3
Taringa R.	8	—	2	6	7	17	2

NSW WOMEN'S SOCCER LEAGUE RESULT

PREMIER
Putney Town 1 Parramatta 0
1. Manly Warringah 0

Blacktown Association 1, Pagewood 3
Epping Eastwood 0.

RESERVES

Putney Town 0 Parramatta 0
Manly Warringah 2 Blacktown Association 1, Pagewood 0
Epping Eastwood 1.

WALLSEND OPENS UP AT INTERNATIONAL CENTRE

THE famous Wallsend Soccer Football Club, which has so often languished over recent years,

Belmont Swansea will be its opponents on Sunday April 26, making the Newcastle area quite late starters amongst the major leagues throughout

at Cahill Oval and finally Stockton v Newcastle Macedonia at



has engaged the International Sports Centre at Lambton for its opening game in the Northern NSW First Division.

Australia. However restricting the competition to 10 teams means that the quality players are consolidated as far as possible.

Other first round fixtures are: Highfields Azzurri v Central Coast assa at Whitebridge Oval, West Wallsend v Lake Macquarie City at Johnston Park, Austral United v Adamstown Rosebuds at Austral Park, Birmingham Gardens, and Weston Workers Bears v Cardiff at Weston Park.

The Second Division competition kicks off on Saturday April 25 at Mayfield Park, where Mayfield United is home to West Lakes.

On Sunday April 26 the balance of the games are: Toronto-Awaba v Edgeworth at Lyall Peacock Field, Maitland Magpies v Port Macquarie at Cook Square Park, Belmont v Cess-

Corroba Oval, Stockton. In other news, the Northern NSW Amateur agreed to become a branch of the NSW Amateur Soccer Federation at the meeting held at Coffs Harbour.

NSW now consolidates into five major branches — Sydney, Northern NSW, Western NSW, Southern NSW and Riverina.

On this basis there will be a quickening of interest in joining Newcastle and Sydney as well as the balance of the state.

In Newcastle itself juniors do not appear to be interested in coaching overtures.

A four day course arranged by coaching director Ken Kaiser for Myuna Bay brought a minimal response.

Coaches lined up were Bruce Tracy, Joe Senkalski, Robert Kaiser and Phil Murray.

QUEENSLAND XXXX LEAGUE RESULTS

QUEENSLAND: North Star 2 b Mt Gravatt 1, Taringa Rovers 2 b Coalstars 1, Rosedale Rovers b Ipswich United 1, Brisbane Lions 4 b Redlands United 0, Brisbane City 1 b Grange Thistle 0, Eastern Suburbs 2 b Olympic United 1.



GEOFF GUNNING

A TOP GUN?

GEOFF GUNNING gets no satisfaction from sitting on the Marconi bench and watching his team-mates go around.

The 20-year-old front-runner wants badly to grab and hold a permanent spot in the first-grade line-up.

"The competition for places is amazing. You should see some of our training sessions. The commitment is just bursting out and some of our practice matches are harder than some of the real games."

"This team is something else ... the change in class from other years. The play is bang, bang, bang at training, one touch and flicks. Previously it was run, run, run."

—F.C.

Queensland Update

GREG RUSSELL brings you the latest news and views from the scene up north.

Ipswich v Brisbane...

GARY WILKINS GETS TOUGH WITH IPSWICH'S PLAYERS

IPSWICH coach Gary Wilkins has adopted a "get tough" approach to his team's defence of the intercity championship against Brisbane later this month.

In an unprecedented move this week Wilkins staged a special trial match involving selection hopefuls from Ipswich United and Coalstars before naming his squad. And Wilkins has warned that any player who missed the intercity team trial would not be selected for the match against Brisbane at Ebbw Vale on April 22.

"It's no trial no game," Wilkins said. "And that goes for anyone who is injured. If they can't play, I still want them to have the commitment to be there anyway to see what is going on."

Wilkins said he had opted for the get tough policy because it seemed some players appeared to consider themselves an automatic selection for the Ipswich team. He said the trial would highlight that wasn't the case, and a number of players could be put in the position of having to fight for their place.

"We have adopted a professional approach

because I think we have to. I expect Mal Bland's Brisbane team to be pretty much the Queensland team minus Mark Brusasco (who is eligible for Ipswich selection)," Wilkins said.

"It's going to be a tough job to defend the intercity title and the sooner the players realise how tough it's going to be, the better."

Wilkins said that although Brisbane were certain to start favorites, he was relying on Ipswich spirit to boost his side to victory.

"The trial is to give everyone a chance to impress. But I am not just looking for skillful players. In my day it meant something to pull on the Ipswich shirt and I hope that's still the same for the players today. I would just as soon have someone with that type of commitment and less skill than a prettier player who couldn't care less about winning for Ipswich," Wilkins said.

Meanwhile, Brisbane

coach Mal Bland is looking forward to returning to Ebbw Vale for the intercity clash with Ipswich.

The former Mount Gravatt utility player rates his performance in a State League match at the Ipswich United ground in 1980 as one of his best and most memorable. Under then-coach Fred Robins' instructions, Bland played wide on the left, extracting vital space from the compact field.

With Bland carving Ipswich apart, Mt Gravatt won the match 2-0 to clinch the State League championship ahead of arch rivals Grange Thistle.

Bland has already admitted his Brisbane side will be very close to Bruce Stowell's Queensland team which beat Fiji 3-1. That will mean it will be dominated by Lions players. But already he will have to find a replacement for transferred midfielder John Stewart.

But Bland also has revealed: "There could be one or two surprises".

BRISBANE LIONS CLAIMS NSL RIGHTS FOR 1988

BRISBANE LIONS want the Australian Soccer Federation to immediately name them as the 1988 replacement for folded West End club Sydney City.

The leading Queensland club is claiming a "moral and legal right" to next year assume the position left vacant by the Slickers following the withdrawal of the Hakoah Club.

Lions finished 15th in the selection criteria to decide the 14 teams to comprise this season's revamped NSL competition and believe they have the soundest possible case to be the first club promoted.

"The criteria was the all encompassing selection process for the NSL, and under those terms we were the next best performed team. There is absolutely no reason then why we should not be given first option for the vacancy," Lions President Mr John Morcus said.

"That always was going to be the case if one of the top 14 teams did not want to be part of the NSL this year, and the same rules should still stand."

"We believe it is in the interest of the West End NSL and Australian Soccer that the ASF put the issue to rest now and name Lions as the new 14th team. We don't expect to come in now as we have a commitment to the Queensland XXXX league. But we are ready and able to step back into the National competition next year to take out the bye."

"If the ASF and the NSL lets the issue simmer, then they will leave it open to all types of lobbying and deals as other less entitled clubs try to steal our place."

After being axed last year, Lions' only means of return to the NSL as

**\$60,000
RECEIVED
OVER
8 WEEKS**

things stand now is to win the XXXX League then defeat the Victorian and South Australian Champions in the promotion play-offs at the end of the season.

Lions already have raced to the top of the XXXX League and are hot favorites for the title. That is despite losing three top players to the South, Danny Wright, Steve Jackson and John Stewart and a further 10 others to local clubs.

But the club believes that if they are given irrevocable commitment of promotion to the NSL for 1988 they can begin rebuilding a new team which will more than competitive in the National League.

Banking on NSL

The club has banked a huge sum it already had set aside for this year's NSL and have added more than \$60,000 in transfers fees to the account in just the past eight weeks. And the club expects to bank tens of thousands more over the coming months as a result of fund-raising and a highly successful bingo operation.

"We were always one of the most financial clubs in our 10 years in the NSL and settled all our accounts before leaving last season. Money is not a great worry if we get the opportunity to return," Morcus said.

"But we would like the extra time to begin plan-



DANNY WRIGHT... now at South Melbourne.

ning as we believe any return must be marketed completely differently to our previous campaigns."

If Lions gain automatic promotion, Queensland could push for a second team in the NSL again. Former NSL club Brisbane City and aspiring local side North Star are adamant the state should still gain a representative in the promotion qualifying series.

They would gain that right automatically if they win the XXXX League. But the two clubs are claiming that if Lions take the championship in addition to be specially promoted by the ASF, then the Queensland play-off place should go to the team which finishes second in the XXXX League.

North Star, last year's XXXX League premiers, have been touted for several seasons as a future Queensland NSL

representative. But the club now appears to have the financial backing.

Their new sponsor, Woodlands Turf, has agreed to renegotiate their contract if the prospect of NSL football arises. Woodlands Turf managing director Wayne Cross has indicated he will back the club for a substantial amount to gain the national exposure for a new development he is currently planning.

"We've talked about an NSL bid before, but now the club structure, the administration and the coaching set-up are there to make a go of it. Obviously we would have to buy players, but then who doesn't? All we need to make it happen is extra money and Woodlands Turf are more than happy to sit back down and negotiate a major sponsorship," said club spokesman Jack Baren.

NORTH STAR'S BIG AMBITION: 'OVERCOME BRISBANE LIONS'

NORTH Star are on target to win their second consecutive Queensland Soccer Club Championship.

After two rounds of XXXX League fixtures, the club had not lost a match in firsts, reserves, thirds or colts grades.

Last year, the club edged out rivals Coalstars to win the Championship, which is decided on the best total performance across all four grades.

The championship carries a much sought after prize of a \$1000 voucher towards team insurance from Insurance Exchange of Australia Pty Ltd and a set of strips from Attack Sports.

The XXXX League competition similarly looks like settling into a battle between Lions, North Star and Azzurri Brisbane City with the rest fighting out for the other top four place.

This weekend's games are: Saturday — Redlands v Easts, Show-

grounds, 2.45pm; Grange Thistle v Lions, Lanham Park, 6pm; Sunday: Ipswich United v Azzurri, Ebbw Vale, 2.45pm; Mt Gravatt v Coalstars, Dittmer Park, 2.45pm; Monday: Taringa v Rochdale, Speare Park, 2.45pm; Olympic v North Star, Goodwin Park, 2.45pm.

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Lions	2	2	—	—	10	1	4
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North Star	2	2	—	—	3	0	4
Ipswich Utd	2	1	1	—	4	0	3
Easts	2	1	1	—	5	3	3
Rochdale	2	—	2	—	3	3	2
Grange Thistle	2	—	2	—	2	2	2
Mt Gravatt	2	—	1	1	4	6	1
Coalstars	2	—	1	1	1	3	1
Taringa R.	2	—	—	2	0	3	0
Redlands Utd	2	—	—	2	0	7	0
Olympic Utd	2	—	—	2	0	9	0

KIRSOPP'S VALUATION

MOUNT Gravatt midfielder Martin Kirsopp, Queensland's man of the match in the opening game against Fiji, last week rejected a

lucrative approach from Brisbane Lions.

Lions targeted the Hawks' pocket dynamo as a replacement for their hard-working captain John Stewart, who transferred to Preston for \$17,000.

Lions spoke to Kirsopp following Stewart's shock move and are understood to have come to terms. But at the last minute the former Sunderland apprentice opted to stay at Mount Gravatt, who brought him to Australia from New Zealand National League club Gisborne City and organised his permanent residency.

"They have done a lot for me and I just didn't want to walk out of them. The season had already started and I thought it would be better to finish it with Mount Gravatt," Kirsopp said.

"But I wouldn't want the door at Lions to be completely closed and if they get back into the National League next season, I certainly would like to be considered again."

Kirsopp said the decision to reject the Lions offer, which is understood to contain handsome bonuses, had been one of the most difficult of his career.

"I had never been in this situation before. I have spent two days thinking it over," Kirsopp said.

Despite a lot of rumors, Kirsopp, who is on a one-year contract at Mount Gravatt, said he had been put under no pressure by either club.

"Mount Gravatt were willing to let me go if that was what I wanted," Kirsopp said.

But a move always seemed unlikely. The two clubs were understood to be more than \$8000 apart on their valuations to Kirsopp.

But now Kirsopp is re-settled at Dittmer Park. Mount Gravatt officials intended to make the most out of the personality status afforded to their star player.

The clubs intend to take Kirsopp to local schools and involve him with their juniors in a major spectator and junior recruitment drive.



JOHN STEWART

TARRAWANNA'S
Bobby Toth must have created some kind of record when he played in the Premier League match against South Coast Croatia at McLennan Park.

Toth scored a hat-trick, all from the penalty spot, but finished on the losing side and that wasn't all.

Before he took the first spot kick he managed to pick up a yellow card from Mario Mastroianni.

Player and referee had an argument over where the penalty spot was and, as usual, the referee won the argument.

After all that one would think Toth deserved to finish up in the winning team but Tarrawanna lost an exciting match 4-3.

Even though their team won, the Croatia supporters lined up to abuse the referee as he walked to his dressing room.

Value

Shellharbour officials say Kevin O'Donnell may not win the player of the year award in Premier League this season but he is certainly their most valuable player.

In the opening round of the season, O'Donnell scored twice in his team's 3-2 win against Aris, turning in an impressive 90 minutes as striker.

Just seven days later, Shellharbour didn't have a goalkeeper so O'Donnell reverted to that position and had a blinder in a

scoreless draw against Bulli.

"O'Donnell saved them with three brilliant saves," Bulli coach Norm Flanagan said after the game. "I wish they had kept him in the forward line."

O'Donnell was in the Wollongong City Youth squad when the club went in to the NSL in 1981 and had been plagued by knee problems.

Since joining Shellharbour he had twice been forced to give the game away for long periods with knee trouble.

Coach Les Sheedy is in the happy position of having a player who is equally at home scoring goals or stopping them and there aren't too many of them around.

Natch-Urally

Natch Vardareff has made an impressive start to his coaching career with Second Division Illawarra Pelister this season.

The former Wollongong City goalkeeper is player-coach with big-spending Pelister and loving every minute of it.

After his team beat Wollongong Sports 7-1, Vardareff said he feels confident the side will win promotion this year.

"I have been surprised at the ball-players I have in the team," he said.

"These blokes knock the ball around great in midfield and know how to score goals as well."

The acid test for Pelister is a week on Saturday when they come up against the powerful

BOBBY TOTH'S RECORDS

BY PHIL MURPHY

Portside combination.

Portside have also started off well and field a number of players who have had Federation experience with Wollongong Macedonia.

Away in the Highlands

Trouble is brewing over the mountain...

Mittagong All-Stars are in the Illawarra First Division this season but face problems in the refereeing department.

When they met Oak Flats a number of Southern Highlands referees were standing watching the three grades while club officials shared the role of linesman.

While there is an acute shortage of referees in Illawarra it seems the Illawarra referees don't want Highlands officials appointed at the All Stars' home games.

The claim is that they just aren't up to standard.

Fortunately for the two clubs involved former grade one official Jack Readshaw came out of retirement to handle the first grade match against Oak Flats.

It is obviously going to get to the stage where a club official is going to have to control a game in Mittagong even though local referees will be at the game.

Surely referees from

the Mittagong area must have a bit of a start over a club referee — who faces the obvious problem of club loyalty when he has to make a vital decision.

Nees Up

West-Figtree striker Darren Nees is becoming something of an enigma to the team's supporters.

Unable to train with his team-mates because of his job and having been behind the eight ball to start with because he made a late start to the season, Nees can be a real match-winner.

Against an Aris defence which was really sub-standard, Nees

looked a real danger man and could easily have scored four or five goals.

"He could have taken a very handy lead on the goalkicking table today," Figtree coach Phil Carr said after the game at Kelly Park.

Figtree won 4-2 and Nees scored one of the goals but it should have been double figures on the chances Figtree carved out in the second half.

Match of the Day

It will almost certainly be the ISA Sunday match of the round this weekend and Port Kembla and Warilla Wanderers should turn

it on at Wetherall Park.

Port Kembla have a strong Italian following, with the Spanish-backed

Warilla looking a far better side than last season.

The inclusion of John Bingham at sweeper has given the Warilla line-up a lot more composure.

Bingham has switched from Wollongong Macedonia where he was player-coach with the State League side last season.

It will be interesting to see how he will be countered with tactics from Port Kembla coach Robert Fryer.

Eddie Mullan is still coaching Warilla and says the tactical battle he works out before the game could almost certainly decide the issue.

Narrabundah goes for Youth

GRAHAM COOKE

ONCE again Narrabundah Soccer Club will look to youth to plug the gaps as it prepares for another season in the ACT first division.

In what has become an annual problem at the South Canberra club, experienced players have moved on and last year's under 18 side has been plundered to make up the difference.

Up comes goalkeeper Grant Townley, defender Miguel De Cos, midfielders Andrew White and Robin Lanza, and forward Jose Lopera and Wesley Park.

They should feel at

home. The remaining senior players from last year are mostly graduates from the youth program, while the new first team coach, Tony Romero, was in charge of the under 18s last year.

Secretary Eddie Park said: "The oldest member of the squad is 30 and I would say the average age is around 20."

Among major losses are midfielder Bill Stewart, trying his luck with league champion Croatia Deakin, and the player-coach, veteran striker Nado Spaleta.

Even with all these upheavals, Park is confident the team will hold its own in the new eight club division.

"We've done well off the field with sponsorship — the main ones being the civil engineers R. and G. Shelly, Bell's Dry Cleaners and Foxey's Fast Fotos," he said.

"And our results in the Jim Fraser Shield were reasonable. For instance, we only lost to Belconnen United 3-1 and they will be one of the best teams in the competition."

"The spirit is there, the youth is there, all we lack is the experience."

And the Narrabundah babes should be used to doing without that by now.

THE DAY OF THE CONDORS

ACT second division Soccer side Condors have what is looking like an annual problem. They are facing the new season without a recognised goalkeeper.

"We are getting a desperate, especially we have had to go through the Jim Fraser Shield pre-season competition without our secretary Jorge Morán."

Twelve months Condors were in a similar situation and resorted to a public appeal to a goalkeeper. The club picked up Jim Watson who played no small part in a successful promotion drive to the newly formed second division.

"But towards the end of the season Watson received a job posting, Sydney — we had to let him go. We had to travel down for the last few matches now we are back to square one," Morán said.

Not surprisingly, Condors had an unhappy Fraser campaign, losing 3-0 to Croatia Deakin, and 7-0 to Canberra City Olympic.

GRAHAM COOKE

GREENACRE TORNADOES ARE STAR MATERIAL

THE Indoor Soccer League kicked off on Monday April 6 at Bankstown City YMCA. Revesby and Greenacre usually dominate this competition but from the first night's play it would seem that there is no clear cut winner. The competition is played every Monday night beginning at 7pm.

GAME ONE

THE Greenacre Tornadoes looked to be the team to beat before this competition started and that prediction remains valid.

With the likes of current Australian representatives Stephen Knight, John Lembryk and Erkin Osman, along with former Australian youth representative Erkin Osman, Leon Moon, Andrew Beckers, Trevor Ormrod, and George Psaroudis, they comprise quite a formidable team.

In this game they certainly got off to a fine start. Within 10 minutes they were leading 5-0.

Alec's Wreckers, from Illawarra looked out of their depth and faced an uphill battle.

This was their first appearance in the State League and they began nervously. Eventually they overcame their nerves and put their act together.

Somehow, to the surprise of everybody, they pulled back to 5-4 and looked like they could go

on with it. Then, a typical Tornadoes freckle, engineered by Stephen Knight and well finished by Erkin Osman, saw Greenacre pull 6-4 ahead.

Illawarra persistence paid off and a good goal scored by Max Beltoncelli saw them inch back into the game. However, once again Greenacre pulled two goals ahead when they scored to make it 7-5.

Alec's Wreckers again threw everything they had at the Tornadoes and the pressure became too great.

The Tornadoes defence eventually succumbed and the Illawarra boys brought the scores level at 7-7.

In the end it was a thoroughly deserved draw for Alec's Wreckers One. The Tornadoes, however, have only got

themselves to blame for not taking control once they were 5-0 ahead.

TORNADOES 7 (S. Knight 2, Erkin Osman 2, L. Moon 2, Erkin Osman) drew with **ALEC'S WRECKERS ONE** (J. Coelho 2, M. Beltoncelli 2, J. Montes 2, R. Davis). **POINTS:** 3: M. Beltoncelli (Wreckers), 2: S. Knight (Tornadoes), 1: R. Davis (Wreckers).

GAME TWO

THIS game was a very physical affair, with neither side giving each other a chance to settle into a certain pattern early on.

Eventually Alec's Wreckers began to string their passes together and took control of the game. They eventually went 1-0 ahead when Jock Gomez steered the ball past the Alkene keeper.

From then on they dominated the play and good defensive work from Alkene kept the score at 1-0 until half-time.

The second half again began with some fierce tackles and some players were lucky not to be sent off.

However, the Illawarra team produced some fine indoor Soccer skills and eventually went on to win the game 3-0.

From this game I think

Alkene have a lot of work to do before they can pose a real threat in the State League.

Both the Illawarra teams were an unknown element and if their first games are anything to go by, they could be the surprise packets of the League.

ALEC'S WRECKERS TWO 3 (J. Gomez, M. Pinnell, I. Cabanas) beat **ALKEINE 0**. **POINTS:** 3: J. Gomez (Wreckers), 2: F. Sales (Wreckers), 1: Z. Balazic (Alkene).

GAME THREE

THIS was by far the game of the round. It produced the best goals, the best skill and was a credit to the game of Indoor Soccer.

Both teams tested each other in the first five minutes and neither was prepared to take the other on.

Then Brett Gilligan from the Rebels received the ball in his own half, beat three defenders and slipped the ball underneath the advancing keeper to open the scoring. This goal was what the game needed and the Spartans were sparked into attack.

From then on it was end to end play and no-one was willing to predict the eventual winner.

The Spartans strung several passes together and Charlie Akkary beat

two defenders, dummied the keeper and slammed the ball through a melee of players into the back of the net. This made it 1-1.

The Spartans attack was pulling together and a Hector Martinez shot was saved by the Rebels' keeper, but the ricochet fell nicely for Jason Smart to slot home.

Soon after Martinez received the ball just outside the Rebels area, turned and shot. Somehow the keeper saved but the momentum of the ball carried it into the back of the net to give the Spartans a 3-1 lead.

From here it seemed the Rebels would fold, but they had other ideas.

They kept peppering the Spartans goal and eventually drew one goal back. At half-time the score was 3-2 to Spartans.

The start of the second half began saw Martinez slot the ball past the advancing Rebels' keeper to make it 4-2.

Halfway through Gilligan fired a shot from his own half which hit the post and went in leaving the goalkeeper stranded.

This made it 4-3 and everything to play for.

Both teams kept creating chances but the finishing touch was lacking and eventually the final whistle blew and the Spartans had snatched home 4-3.

PARRAMATTA SPARTANS 4 (H. Martinez 2, J. Smart, C. Akkary) beat **REVESBY REBELS 3** (B. Gilligan 2,

Own goal). **POINTS:** 3: H. Martinez (Parramatta), 2: B. Gilligan (Revesby), 1: C. Akkary (Parramatta).

GAME FOUR

REVESBY Bullets totally dominated against Parramatta and they ran out worthy winners 5-1.

Charlie Ienco, U/16 Australian Rep, only played half a game but he scored two very good goals to put the Bullets 2-0 ahead. The work-horse and mainstay of the Bullets Rod Skellern (formerly Blacktown), played a blinder until he was fouled off.

By then however, it was too late to stop the flight of the Bullets.

The Spartans' second team had a tough battle against the Bullets and found Ienco hard to bottle up.

The Spartans forward line was virtually non-existent as Skellern just kept getting to the ball first.

No-one could have played a better captain's role.

Three more goals for the Bullets in the second half made sure that they were easy winners with only one reply from the Spartans. The Bullets look a fairly formidable side.

REVESBY BULLETS 5 (C. Ienco 2, G. Valandis 2, J. Currao) beat **PARRAMATTA SPARTANS 1** (L. Ferreira).

POINTS: 3: R. Skellern (Bullets), 2: C. Ienco (Bullets), 1: S. Upleby (Bullets).

GAME FIVE

NEITHER team exerted any pressure for the first five minutes and it was a cat and mouse game.

However, a defensive lapse saw Phillips latch onto a loose ball and drive the ball into the keeper's head the top corner to give Allstars a 1-0 lead.

The first half was rather defensive and opportunistic few and far between Phillips striker, Speranza, was well tied up by Dalton and Phillips' defence nullified the attack.

At half-time the score was still 1-0 and the Rebels needed a spark.

The second half the Phillips team everything at the stars. Ron Gisborne stars goalkeeper, have saved at least three goals. If it was him the Allstars gone for all money.

Phillips never stopped running and could have been bestowed on the Allstars.

REVESBY SPARTANS 1 (P. Dalton) beat **PHILIPS 0**. **POINTS:** 3: R. Gisborne (Allstars), 2: Savetta (Phillips), 1: Tour (Phillips).

REASONABLE DISCIPLINE PAYS OFF ACCORDING TO AUGUSTO

IN Peru, Soccer players who have the urge to celebrate before a big game run the gauntlet of an established system of spies and the inevitable anger of the coach the following day, Canberra Griffins player-coach Augusto Palacios said.



AUGUSTO PALACIOS
no dictator but...

"It is quite simple — a player who does not look after himself off the field will not look after himself, or his colleagues, on it," he said.

"I do not want to be looked on as a dictator. They can come to me with any problem and they will not be penalised

for being absent through some genuine family emergency, such as a sick child.

"But they must realise that the club has invested a great deal of money in them, and that for six months of the year they have to concentrate on Soccer."

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"The attendants on the door at all the major nightclubs and discos are given free tickets to the matches on condition they report players having nights out before a game," he said.

"These players are then severely disciplined."

While Palacios is not planning to set up anything quite so elaborate in Canberra, he has made it clear that celebrations during the season should be limited to the period after the game and before the first training session of the following week.

STEVE DARBY BELIEVES ACT 18S ON THE TRACK

THE ACT should have the best prepared team at the Australian under 18 Soccer championships in July, coach Steve Darby said.

"We might not have the best players, but because of our setup here we should be better prepared than anyone else," the former Tasmanian Director of Coaching said.

"Our advantages are the quality of our training facilities and the lack of travel involved in bringing our players to one venue."

"This means they have more chance of knitting together as a team than those in the large states."

Another advantage was the proximity of the Australian Institute of Sport. "When we train up there the AIS players are on the next pitch. They act as quality role

BY GRAHAM COOKE

models for our boys — something to aim for.

"What the boys must realise is that by representing the ACT at the national championships they are one step away from the national team. A good performance there under the eye of the selectors and they could be on their way."

He admitted that he was a great supporter of the ACT Academy of Soccer, which aims to raise the standard of Soccer in the territory. "If I was coach of a team I would have no hesitation in sending my young players there," he said.

Darby brings a wealth of experience to the coaching post. Born in England, he had gained his FIFA instructor's badge by the time he was 25 and was assistant coach to the Bahrain national team from 1978-79. "I got the sack after we had been beaten by South Korea 1-0."

He held several positions in Tasmania including Director of Coaching for the state, coach of Devonport and White Eagles, and a player with Croatia and University.

He is a passionate believer in the potential of Australian Soccer. "In 1985 I saw some of the games the Australian schoolboys side played in England. In general, I considered them to be more skilful and more tactically aware than their opponents," Darby said.



This fine action shot by courtesy of "The Mercury" photographer Jimmy Kerr depicts Olympia's Anthony Greenwood going up above bearded Sean Collins (White Eagles) in the Cadbury Charity Cup final, White Eagles however won 3-0.

TASMANIAN TALK

WHITE Eagles scored a convincing 3-0 win over Olympia-WPL in Southern Tasmania's Inaugural Cadbury Charity Cup final, a contest between the previous year's league champion and the



Olympia skipper Chris Hey receives his loser's medal after the 1-0 defeat by Juventus-Pioneer in the Cascade Cup final. The presentation is being made by Cascade marketing manager Mr Ron Truscott (middle), with TSA chairman Mr Roy Stoneman at left.

— Photo by Walter Pless

CHARITY BEGINS AT HOME FOR THE WHITE EAGLES

top-four winner, played at Glenorchy's KGV stadium.

BY "VAN DIEMEN"

Mr Roy Stoneman, the chairman of the Tasmanian Soccer Association, and Mr Ted Best, the factory manager of Cadbury at Claremont, presented a cheque for \$750 to the president of the Cosmos Community Centre, Mr John Parkinson, prior to the match which, it is hoped, will become an annual event.

White Eagles was without top striker Richard Leszczynski and midfielder Robert Gorniak but had coach Bobby Rybak at the centre of defence and Scott Young in midfield.

Rybak missed most of last season because of injury but settled in well beside sweeper Mark Leszczynski and produced a competent performance in his first game of the season.

Olympia rested goalkeeper Martin Burden and defenders Chris Hey and David Crosson and paid dearly for it.

Replacement goalkeeper John Collar, the

club's recently signed Malaysian youth international, seemed a little uneasy on his semi-final debut, although he made two excellent saves from David Stoddart and Dominic O'Brien late in the game.

Olympia played with only three at the back and Matthew Bloomfield, Michael Berwick and Con Tsikakis were always under pressure.

Olympia's player-coach Ken Morton partnered Paul Xanthopoulos up front but he found the going difficult and only managed to test Eagles goalkeeper Peter Greenwood once.

The defeat was Olympia's second major setback in five days. It lost the Cascade Summer Cup final (Cadbury League section) to Juventus in midweek and this does not augur well for a team that is probably the fittest in the league and which has prepared meticulously for the coming season.

Olympia turned on the pace yet again and buzzed about everywhere but it still lacked a focal point for its attack and a player who can regularly put away the chances.

Roger Munro, Perry Forster, Craig Nichols

and Michael Goldsmith sent over a stream of crosses from both flanks throughout the match but there was no one to take advantage of them.

Beginning

Eagles took an early lead when Andrew Leszczynski cut the ball back from the left in the seventh minute and into the path of David Stoddart who slotted it home.

Neil Morrison might have increased this lead later in the first half but his shot hit the crossbar.

Midfielder Chris Leszczynski, who had replaced Paul Morrison midway through the first half, created a little bit of history by scoring his first goal at senior level on the hour.

He skipped past two defenders and surged forward into the penalty area before unleashing a fierce cross-shot into the far corner of the net for his first goal in eight years at any level to give Eagles a 2-0 lead.

Neil Morrison was again unlucky a few minutes later when his lob

to the far post was desperately headed over the bar by Michael Berwick.

Eagles continued to miss easy chances as O'Brien shot wide and Morrison missed an open goal from five metres, while Olympia repeatedly attacked but rarely

forced Greenwood into action.

Michael Driessen completed the scoring for Eagles in the final minute of the match when he left a defender in his wake and steered the ball past the advancing goalkeeper and just inside the far post.



Tasmania's Juventus Bruce Pears, man of the match, in the 1-0 win over Olympia.

— Photo by Walter Pless



Trevin Brooke punches at Troy Coker, who then manages to pry Brooke's fingers away from his eyes. PICTURES: Col Wilson

UGLY SIDE OF RUGBY!

EXCLUSIVE PICTURES

NO WONDER SOCCER REMAINS THE BEST

LAST week we pointed to what parents and so many schoolteachers understand so well.

That is, that Soccer is the genuine football code that developed mini and youth football to meet the needs of Australian youngsters.

The Soccer code has had its junior Soccer in place for so many years — the rules are tried and trusted.

The sport is provided with so little risk — It is simply made to be enjoyed. As standards improve under the weight of widespread coaching and special courses, so does the enjoyment of Soccer increase.

Small pitches, reduced goals — fun runs for little fellows — it is all a component of the world's greatest and most played game.

The only extent to which Soccer falls behind is in the states where Australian rules is not properly challenged by district Soccer.

Soccer people there have not expanded enough into the suburban clubs and district associations.

It is up to the National Junior Committee to find the way to put the expansion schemes before those states.

Perhaps NSW, Queensland and ACT officials could be invited in to those states — or better enthusiastic junior people brought to centres such as Sydney, Newcastle, Canberra and Brisbane to study the organisation.

But the huge numbers of schools involved in the Commonwealth Bank Cup, the OAK Turner Cup and other series speak for themselves.

The number of schools involved is unmatched by longer established codes.

Last week the Sydney Daily Mirror produced some pertinent comments on rugby union — by their unnamed rugby writer — on which Soccer's case for junior predominance in part rests.

Soccer is the game where the ball is dealt with — where the charge and the tackle are well controlled under Laws of the Game that have been tested throughout the world.

And so countless thousands of Australian youngsters are enjoying the world game in Australia.

As Australia's Soccer standards rise, the way is ahead to compete in the sport from the local districts through to the Australian national team at senior and World Cup, Olympic Games, World Youth Champions Cup and the Under 16s.

It's a mighty sport, which is continuing to grow throughout Australia.

SUTHERLAND LEADS IN EXCELLENCE

BY ALAN VEST

THE first of the centres of excellence kicked off at Seymour Shaw for the Sutherland area on Monday April 6.

Both the 10-12 and the 13-16 age groups were represented.

Other centres which will be commencing in the near future are St George and Nepean and then in the country at

Wagga, Orange and Mittagong.

Further expansion will take place in the coming months and it is hoped eventually to cover the whole area of NSW.

All the skills of the game will be covered in the programme with particular emphasis on dribbling skills, to create good balance and flair.

Each player will be watched carefully with attention given also to

attitude and approach to training.

Future members of the NSW Academy who spend six weeks in camp at Valentine Park will then be selected from the centres.

Then AIS places will be selected from the Academy.

Five Academy boys were offered places at the Institute this year and six boys will be in camp with the National U/16 squad at Easter.

HUGE COMMONWEALTH BANK SCHOOLS SOCCER SERIES

OVER the past few years the Commonwealth Bank Soccer CUP and Shield have become two of the most keenly contested and prestigious events on the Combined High Schools Sports Calendar.

It is the biggest competition of its type in the Southern Hemisphere.

This success has been brought about by the enthusiasm and dedication of teachers, coaches and students within the schools and the generous support given to School Soccer by the Commonwealth Bank.

This year there will be a total of 12 Commonwealth Bank Scholarships to the Johnny Warren Coaching Camps in Canberra.

Six scholarships are to be awarded in April or July holiday break and another six will be awarded for the January holiday break.

In addition the Commonwealth Bank Soccer Cup champions will receive:

- \$300 provided by the Commonwealth Bank
- The Commonwealth Bank Soccer Cup perpetual trophy
- Individual gold medallions
- Commonwealth Bank Soccer Cup Champion T-shirts

The runners-up will receive:

- \$200 provided by the Commonwealth Bank
- Individual silver medallions
- Commonwealth Bank Soccer Cup T-shirts



Both losing semi-finalists will receive \$100 provided by the Commonwealth Bank.

A player of the tournament/competition (1 girl, 1 boy) will be awarded a \$200 Club Australia account by the Commonwealth Bank.

The winner is determined by points (3, 2, 1) and accumulated throughout the competition.

These points are to be submitted on the official team sheet by the referee and on the official match report by both coaches.

A perpetual trophy and medallion will be awarded to the "Player of the Finals" in both competitions.

The Soccer Cup is for boys' teams and the Soccer Shield for the highly popular girls' competition.

Main contact points are Connell Byrne (77 7806) and Chris James (533 1293).

AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF SPORT

NAME: John Koch
AGE: 18
D.O.B.: 26/6/68
HEIGHT: 182cm
WEIGHT: 77kg
POSITION: Midfielder
PREVIOUS CLUBS: Pine Rivers Utd
STATE: Qld
AGE GROUPS: U/13 to Youth
REPRESENTED: —
AUSTRALIA U/16 REP: —
AUSTRALIA YOUTH REP: Oceania qualifying series 1987
OCCUPATION: Bank Officer
OTHER: AIS scholarship holder 1985 & 1986

John is an all round player who has the physical and technical qualities to play in any position except in goal. He will be one of the key players in the National Youth team and a target for any National League coach who sees him play.



NAME: Peter Gunning
AGE: 19
D.O.B.: 28/2/68
HEIGHT: 182cm
WEIGHT: 71kg
POSITION: Goalkeeper
PREVIOUS CLUBS: Lakin Macquarie, Newcastle Rosebud
STATE: NSW
AGE GROUPS: U/12 to Youth
REPRESENTED: —
AUSTRALIA U/16 REP: —
AUSTRALIA YOUTH REP: —
OCCUPATION: Student
OTHER: AIS Scholarship 1986

Peter is another goalkeeper in the current youth age group who is a serious contender for a spot in the national youth team. He had an outstanding season last year. His speed and lightning reactions make him a difficult keeper to beat and he will be working to improve his game further this year.



SHARNE SHINES INDOOR

FORMER Australian winger Peter Sharne bobbed up with two final quarter goals to give Fairfield a 3-2 win over St Marys in

the Indoor A-grade final at the Fairfield Indoor Soccer Stadium in Sydney.

Sharne's goals put St Marys down 3-1, but they netted again for the final 3-2 scoreline.

Despite the loss St Marys had a good night as they won in reserve grade. Under 19 and the women's competition.

State selectors



attended to watch for players for the national

championships, to be held in Adelaide and Darwin in August and September.

The results were:
A-Grade: Fairfield v St Marys 3-2. Reserve Grade: St Marys v Guildford 7-1. U19: St Marys v Campbelltown 7-0. Over 35: Campbelltown v Newcastle 3-2. Women's: St Marys v Fairfield 3-2, on penalties.

BIG CENTENARY KIDS CUP TOURNAMENT AT LAKEMBA

NSW AMATEUR Soccer Federation publicity officer Mrs Naomi Golding said yesterday that top quality junior Soccer would be played at Parry Park, Punchbowl Rd, Lakemba all next week.

BY KEITH GILMOUR

The under 12 Centenary Cup series will be up for grabs during the school holidays, with teams drawn from NSW country and northern Tasmania as well as the Sydney metropolitan area.

This series was insti-

tuted a few years ago and has proved to be very popular.

Games commence on Sunday next April 19 and continue in two groups of seven teams until the following Friday.

The finals will be played on Saturday April 25.

For the convenience of followers of junior football the matches commence at 10am each day.

Sponsor for the event is NSW Metropolitan and Sports Media, who provide the yearbook for the NSW Amateur Federation.

Country Associations involved are Mid North Coast, Illawarra, Macquarie (Like Macquarie City area) and Albury.

Competition secretary Mr Bill Cullinan said that Mr Len Lever would be in charge of ground arrangements.

AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S SOCCER ASSOCIATION PROFILES



NAME:	Theresa Jones
STATE ASSOC.:	Vic.
NUMBER OF INTERNATIONALS:	5
D.O.B.:	20.2.63
PLACE OF BIRTH:	U.K.
HEIGHT:	164cms
OCCUPATION:	Bank Clerk
PLAYING POSITION:	Goalkeeper
SOCCER HONOURS:	Vic rep since 1978; Aust. rep since 1984
SOCCER HIGHLIGHTS:	Playing for Aust. against N.Z.
MOST ADMIRER:	Tracey Singleton
PLAYERS:	
MOST INFLUENTIAL PERSON ON SOCCER CAREER:	Father
FAVOURITE FOOD:	Chocolate
FAVOURITE MUSIC:	Funk
OTHER SPORTS:	Netball and swimming

WOMEN'S SOCCER SCENE



NSW Youth League ROUND 5

SATURDAY 11th APRIL GROUP A

			U13	U14	U15	U16
Marconi	v	Sydney City	5-1	3-2	1-1	6-1
Syd Olympic	v	Sthn Districts	5-0	1-1	6-0	3-0
Cant/Marrick	v	Blacktown City	0-2	0-3	0-1	0-4
APIA	v	Illawarra	3-0	0-4	2-0	2-0
St George	v	Melita	0-2	0-1	2-1	1-1
Central Coast	v	Gladesville	0-4	1-0	0-1	2-0
Nepean	v	Ku-ring-gai	1-0	4-0	1-4	0-1

GROUP B

Bankstown	v	Sutherland	1-1	1-3	0-1	0-9
Rockdale	v	Macarthur	2-2	1-2	2-0	1-2
Manly	v	Canterbury	0-5	0-3	1-2	1-2
Blacktown	v	Nth Bankstown	0-0	1-1	2-0	0-4
Croatia	v	Avala	4-1	6-0	7-0	2-0
Ctown City	v	Uruguay/Aub	0-0	0-7	0-4	1-6
Yugal	v	Polonia	0-11	1-4	0-4	1-1

GROUP A

Sthn Districts	v	Marconi	Ernie Smith
Sydney Olympic	v	Cant/Mville	Pratten Park
Blacktown City	v	Illawarra	Gabbie Stad
Melita	v	APIA	Melita Stad
Ku-ring-gai	v	St George	Golden Jubilee
Sydney City	v	Central Coast	Syd Athletic
Gladesville	v	Nepean	Pioneer Park

GROUP B

Sutherland	v	Rockdale	Bates Drive
Canterbury	v	Macarthur	Blick Oval
Blacktown	v	Manly	Mt Druitt Tr
Nth Bankstown	v	Croatia	Potts Park
Yugal	v	Avala	Jellicoe Park
Ctown City	v	Bankstown	Lynwood Park
Uruguay/Pen	v	Polonia	Mona Park

NSW YOUTH LEAGUE



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RICHMOND-TWEED U/18 CHAMPIONS



ITALO-STARS



VERSATILE ROCKHAMPTON JUNIORS

FROM Rockhampton to the Australian Under 16 squad is a big jump, but two local lads are on their way.

State Under 16 years Soccer representatives Guy Rigby and Glen Sheppard, of the Frenchville club, are two of only three Queensland players in the Australian training squad which is preparing for the Under 16 World Cup finals in Canada during June and July.

The 16-year-olds, who can play any position from fullback to forward, will join the 34-member national squad in Sydney for a camp which begins on Thursday.

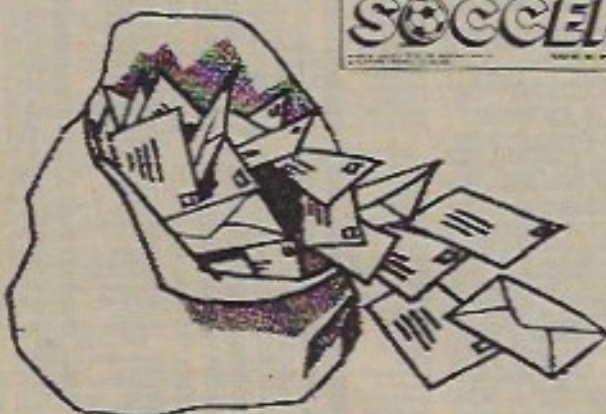
Rigby, who prefers defence or midfield, was a shadow player for the Australian World Cup qualifying round team in China during September. He spent a month training with English first division club Southampton in January.

Sheppard, a speedy Central Queensland League winger, was added to the national squad this week on the nomination of Queensland director of coaching Bruce Stowell.

METROPOLITAN REPRESENTATIVES

THE NSW Metropolitan Championships have been set down to commence on May 17 this year.

Competition secretary Bill Cullinan said that the previous date of May 3 had been abandoned as the re-arrangement fitted better with school holiday dates.



NEWCASTLE ETCETERA

MAY I say how much I am enjoying ASW this year. I think its about four years

since I missed an issue of your football masterpiece. Thanks to West End our football league now has a lot of prestige and I would love to down a few West Ends at matches this year. While congratulations are in order may I say

how nice it was to see Sydney City and Adelaide City knock off the Kiwis in the recent Trans Tasman Cup series. While on Sydney City may I say I am totally dis-pressed at the people from the Hakoah Club for even thinking about dis-

banding a great football club.

I don't know how they can sleep at night after destroying City.

I must say Alan Vest makes me sick. Every year he makes his pie in the sky predictions and writes off Newcastle United. He thinks United is finishing tenth in the State League in 1987.

United are on the way up, and up is the NSL in 1988 where they belong, although I'm sure the NSL management will find some way to keep us out.

But good luck to all NSL clubs this year especially Adelaide City, who must really annoy the NSL hierarchy because they're not from Melbourne or Sydney.

Good on you Queensland for beating Fiji, who did not behave properly in Brisbane.

Finally may 1987 be a

prosperous and winning year for the beloved Soccerons, good luck in Korea and for the rest of the year, you are the greatest.

Dave McGaw,
12 Luprena Close,
Charlestown 2290
(P.S. Newcastle United AFC forever.
P.P.S. Any fan who would like to swap match programmes and souvenirs write to me.)

N. TERRITORY FOREVER

I am writing you a few words to ask you why there are not any Soccer matches reported on from the Northern Territory Soccer League in ASW.

Northern Territory is still in Australia and they do play Soccer over there

Your paper covers all states including Tasmania on the Soccer scene.

Why not the (Northern Territory).
P.S. (Keep up the good work ASW)

T. Baldacchino,
St Marys, 2760.
[We would be glad if the N.T. Federation publicity officer would provide stories — Ed]

WORLD COMPETITION RECORDS

I AM writing to you in desperation to ask if you or one of your writers can help me.

I am trying to compile a World Soccer Result Book, in which I am putting all the results of the Olympic Soccer Tournaments, FIFA World Cup

and the Youth World Cup results.

I am stumped, I cannot get results of the following 1983 World Youth Cup, 1984 Olympic Soccer Tournament, 1985 World Youth Cup.

I have been told to write to the FIFA organisation in Switzerland but I am a pensioner and cannot afford the money to send them the money they ask for, so I am hoping you will help me.

If you could do this I would be very grateful.

Robert W. Forbes,
East Maitland 2323

P.S. I like your Australian Soccer Weekly magazine.

[No doubt the Australian Soccer Federation, 38 Clarence St, Sydney would be ready to assist you. — Ed]



PETER'S PROBLEM

ENGLAND international PETER BEARDSLEY has been put under increasing pressure by Newcastle United fans, who are unhappy as to why he can't reproduce the form he displays for his country with the Geordie club.

His team-mates also wonder why he cannot bring about this match-winning form for his relegation threatened club.

The main reason, it would seem, is that he is playing in a deep-lying

midfield role that has restricted him severely this season and has led to only five goals this year in the black and white strip.

Manager WILLIE McFAUL has never told Beardsley to withdraw from the front line.

Peter feels he is forced to drop back into midfield because he is not getting the ball.

Instead of moaning about their star striker, the Geordies should take a close look at the reasons why he isn't getting the proper service.

Peter is at his best running at defenders in and around the box.

The sooner he is allowed to establish the same understanding with Paul Goddard that he enjoys in the England side with Gary Lineker the better for his club.



ROBSON URGES HUGHES TO GO BACK HOME

MARK HUGHES' former Manchester United team-mate BRYAN ROBSON has advised him to hop on the next plane and head back to England and Old Trafford for good.

Says Robson: "There is nothing worse than being miserable and a footballer's career is too short for Mark to allow himself to suffer too long."

"Certainly, he should

ignore all the banner headlines carried by the Spanish newspapers over reports of his uncertain future at Barcelona.

"I haven't got a clue what Mark intends to do,

or even if he is that unhappy at the Nou Camp, but I was delighted to learn that Manchester United's manager Alex Ferguson, who is quietly steering us back to the top, has not ruled out a possible return to Old Trafford for the Welshman who cracked 18 goals for us last year.

"Mark has a special

relationship with the United fans. They loved him when he was belting goals in our 10-game run of wins at the start of last season.

"Some will say 'Mark made his own bed, he should lie on it' but the great majority would welcome him back to Old Trafford if he chose to return," he concluded.

ELLIOT WANTS TO PARTNER ADAMS

PAUL ELLIOT has his heart set on partnering Arsenal's TONY ADAMS in the centre of the England defence.

Aston Villa's troubled central defender believes he can displace the established core of the England defence, the likes of Terry Butcher, Mark Wright and Alvin Martin.

But Elliot knows he needs regular first team football in the First Division to achieve his ambition. That's why he is at loggerheads with Villa.

"I am on the transfer list," he says. "But the stupid thing is, I don't want to leave Villa Park!"

"Manager Billy McNeill knows how I feel. I believe I am good enough for a regular place in the side and my recent form ought to bear that out."

Villa, condemned to scrapping it out for survival for the remaining weeks, have benefited from the return of the lanky Elliot, whose composure on the ball and ability to pop in goals at the other end make him very popular with the fans.

It is a worrying time for

the former England Under-21 international who recently turned 23.

Formerly with Charlton and Luton Town, he came to Villa Park to play for Graham Turner, with Steve Foster making the move in the opposite direction.

A wobbly start behind him, Elliot became a key member of the side. However, injuries plus the sacking of Turner and the arrival of McNeill from Manchester City meant back to square one for Elliot.

"I have ambitions like the next guy. I feel I am good enough to play for England, but I must be able to string together a run of performances to prove that."

"Playing in a successful side would help. But I'm not bothered about that. The fans here know why I have gone on the list. They also know it is in the control of Mr McNeill to get me off it. If he wants me here he only has to say so and let me get on with my career."

FLYING WEST

SPEED machine COLIN WEST, Chelsea's newest goalscoring sensa-

tion, has a stern and clear message for fans of the Stamford Bridge club: "I'm not the new David Speedie."

Tiny terror West's blistering debut against Arsenal had fans remarking on the similarity between the diminutive teenager and the man whose place he had taken.

But West insists: "We just look alike, that's all. We are small and quick but I haven't based my game on David's. And besides, I don't get booked!"

West's story must rank as football's fairytale of the season. Only four days before scoring the winner against Arsenal on his First Division debut, West had been playing for Partick Thistle in front of just 2,000 fans.

He'd been on loan at Thistle for six months, and turned up for training on the Thursday to be told he was to get back to London as quickly as possible.

Eight Blues players had gone down injured, including strikers Speedie, Kerry Dixon and Gordon Durie, and manager John Hollins



MARK HUGHES

GARY GRABS HIS CHANCE

GARRY GILLESPIE disrupted one of the best partnerships in the First Division to make the breakthrough at Liverpool.

But manager Kenny Dalglish saw the strapping central defender as an integral part of the make-up at Anfield and the position in the championship side was grabbed with open arms by Gillespie.

The displays by the former Coventry City man helped Liverpool greatly in reaching the Littlewoods (League) Cup Final against Arsenal which they lost 2-1.

After the Wembley occasion the Scot said: "This is my fourth season at Anfield and it has only been recently that I have got in the side to play regularly."

"I had to wait almost three years for a good run in the first team and that was because ALAN HANSEN and MARK LAWRENSEN were barring my way."

"They had a terrific partnership and manager JOE FAGAN didn't fancy trying me in there."

"That's why I owe Kenny Dalglish a great deal because many people rated Alan and Mark the best central defensive partnership in the League."

"It took a lot of courage for Kenny to give me my big chance."

Lawrenson has moved to fullback to take the place of the injured Jim Beglin since Gary came in, but Gillespie admits: "I felt under enormous pressure when I first got in the side. But that has gradually eased as my confidence has grown."

ALEC FINALLY MAKES BREAK

BY TONY RALLIS

FIVE seasons ago ALEC CHAMBERLAIN was given a free transfer by Ipswich Town.

At that time he thought of giving away football and concentrating on his father's farming business — that is until ex-Ipswich team-mate ALLAN HUNTER came along and gave the 22-year-old a second chance at Colchester United.

Chamberlain has now made 200 consecutive appearances for the Essex club. But he might not stay around to challenge his manager's record of 368 matches on the trot.

In fact Walker played more than 500 times for the club and it was Chamberlain who took over from him.

The young 'keeper has been under scrutiny from some of the leading clubs and admits he would have to seriously consider moving on if the right offer came.

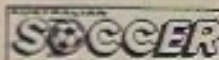
"I love Colchester but I'm ambitious to play at the highest level."



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